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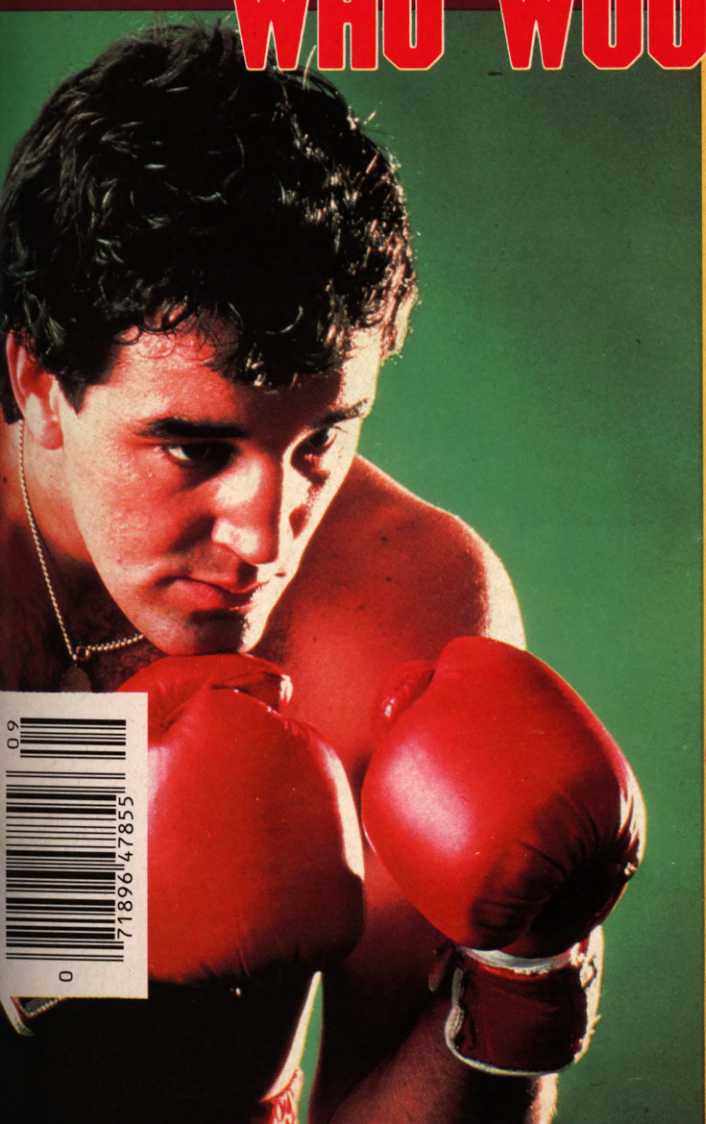

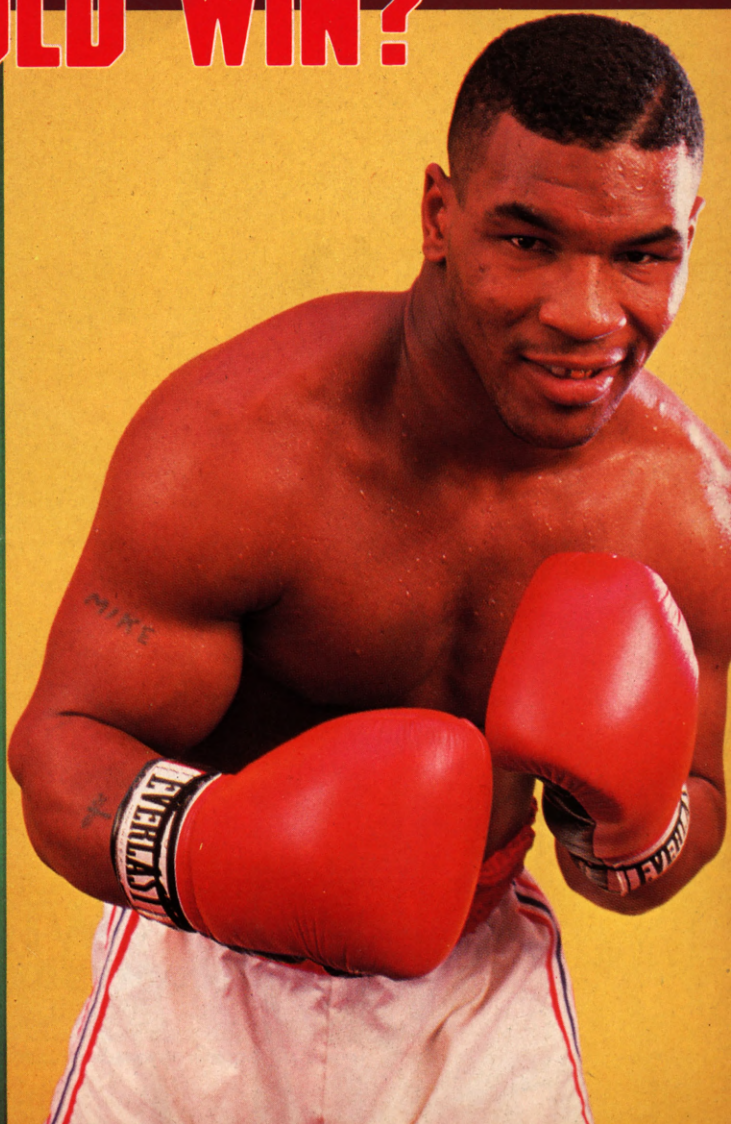

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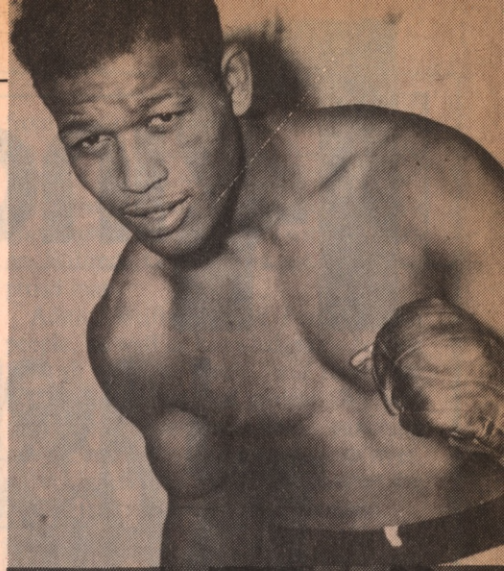

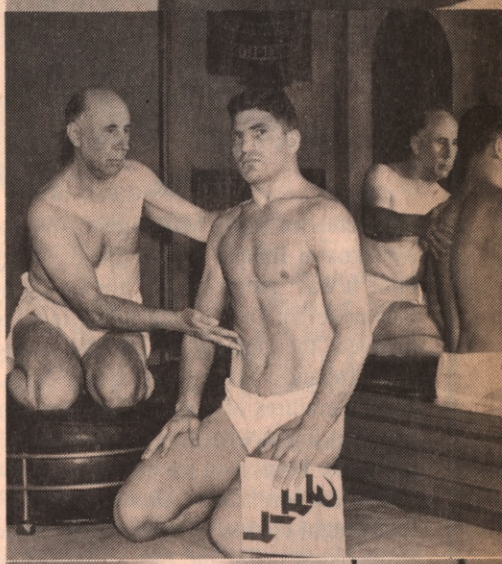

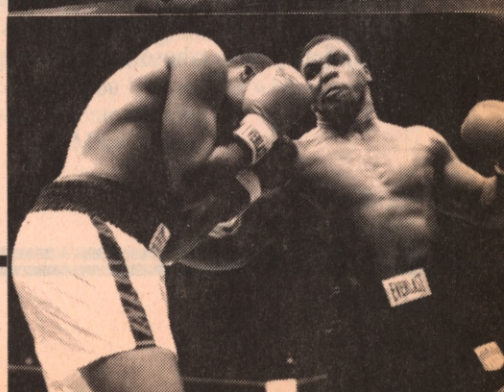

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The defeat of Barry McGuigan at the hands of Texan Steve Cruz has raised quite a ruckus in Ireland and England. Many of Barry's fans and much of the press think it was "preposterous" for the Clones Cyclone to attempt to defend his WBA featherweight title in the withering Las Vegas heat, and that poor Barry was doomed "the moment the contract was signed." An editorial in the *Irish Independent,* Ireland's largest circulation daily, said: "An Irishman being asked to fight in temperatures of over 100 degrees and agreeing to do so is a man who really does not know what he is letting himself in for. A native of this country cannot acclimate himself to such heat in a matter of days or even months."

Well, I don't know about all that. Remember when Ken Buchanan won the lightweight crown by outpointing Ismael Laguna in San Juan, Puerto Rico? The temperature inside the ring at the outdoor Hiram Bithorn Stadium that afternoon was well over 100 degrees, but the Scotsman still beat the Panamanian. The last time I checked, Edinburgh was no closer to the equator than Clones.

Although McGuigan's manager, Barney Eastwood, overstated the case when he claimed that the "heat was not a factor," he was closer to the truth when he said, "Barry's legs went in the 10th after a strong punch. Cruz would have beaten him in Dublin, Belfast, London, or anywhere you like after that blow."

One should also remember that McGuigan looked rather jaded in his successful defenses over Bernard Taylor and Danilo Cabrera. Maybe Barry just isn't the fighter so many of us thought he was following his title winning effort over an aging Eusebio Pedroza.

Then there is the mystery of the missing water bottle. Why wasn't the badly dehydrated champion given anything to drink the last four rounds?

Whatever the reasons for McGuigan's defeat, they should in no way detract from the magnificent performance of both boxers. It was the best featherweight title fight in recent memory and begs for an encore — perhaps in a nice temperate zone like Belfast, where locals scoffed at Bernard Taylor when he said "heat exhaustion" caused his downfall against Barry.

It all depends on whose ox is being gored, my lads. □

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Come Out Writing

Reader Dr. Gilberto Pagan pays tribute to the recently retired Wilfredo Gomez in this month's "Come Out Writing." Gomez is pictured here in his prime, knocking out Derrik Holmes in defense of the WBC junior featherweight title, August 22, 1980.

CAUSE AND AFFECT

RECENTLY, AS PART OF THE PRESsure being put on boxing, several studies have come out that make negative conclusions about the sport's contribution to society. One of these studies, conducted by a sociologist named David Phillips, claims to prove a direct relationship between boxing and homicide rates in the United States.

I've done some research of my own which, I believe, casts doubts on Mr. Phillip's findings. My research wasn't limited to just heavyweight title bouts and the week after them, as is the other study. Instead, I took homicide rates per 100,000 year by year for the past fifty years and divided this fifty year period into convenient categories: boxing's more popular era (1935-1959) and boxing's less popular era (1960-1984). From 1935 to 1959, the average homicide rate was 5.59. From 1960 to 1984, the average homicide rate was 7.83. Thus, in boxing's more popular era homicide rates were significantly lower than in boxing's less popular era. While it could be argued that there are many other factors besides boxing's popularitiy which affect these statistics, that same argument also applies to Mr. Phillips' study.

My personal opinion is that boxing is a positive way, for both participants and fans, to channel aggression. Boxing may have an inverse relationship with homicide rates, not to mention other violent crimes. As a boxing fan, and also a person who is against violence, I hope to see boxing regain the popularity it once enjoyed.

HERB WAGNER
Mt. Kisco, New York

FAREWELL TO BAZOOKA

MY PHONE RANG LAST MAY 24TH at 10:40 p.m. It was my cousin Rafa from Puerto Rico. He was calling to tell me that Wilfredo (Gomez) had just been knocked out. He went on to tell me, however, that Wilfredo gave Alfredo Layne a good fight. The soldier died with his boots on. Wilfredo Gomez, you see, is a very proud man.

Adios, Wilfredo. The Puerto Rican people, as well as knowledgeable boxing fans all over the world, will remember you as an exceptional athlete. We will remember your incredible punching power, your tight defense, and your overall boxing skills. We will remember the legend that you are. Adios, hermano.

DR. GILBERTO PAGAN
Colonia, New Jersey

MUSCLE-BOUND

IN REGARDS TO JOSEPH D. O'BRIAN'S comment about "fag bodybuilders" ("Outsmarting Your TV Set," *The Ring*, May '86), I think Mr. D. O'Brian should remove his head from whatever body orifice he's been storing it in and look at the rest of the world. Boxing is a great sport, but it is asinine to think that it is the only one of value.

If Mr. D. O'Brian had done any investigating, before sticking his foot in his mouth, he would have found that many bodybuilders have boxing backgrounds. I suggest Mr. D. O'Brian ask Michael Spinks if he thinks bodybuilding is a fag sport. Bodybuilding brought Michael from 175 pounds up to 205 pounds of solid muscle . . . and the heavyweight championship of the world.

JOHN W. McFARLANE
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TYSON FEVER STRIKES WEEHAWKEN

I WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER A QUESTION asked by Joseph D. O'Brian in his article "Waiting to Welcome the Hero" in the June '86 issue of *The Ring*.

"Of all the fighters available today, is there one whose every move you follow, one that you live and die with every time he steps into the ring?"

Yes; Mike Tyson.

MAUREEN ROE
Weehawken, New Jersey

Round One

by Nigel Collins

WILL HE OR WON'T HE . . . ONLY HIS WIFE KNOWS FOR SURE

Say it ain't so, Marvin . . . pleeeease! The last thing boxing needs right now is for its only true super star to hang up his gloves. Therefore, I'm pulling for **M.M. Hagler** to kayo his retirement plans and go ahead and fight **Sugar Ray Leonard.** That's what most folks expected when Hagler called a press conference in Brockton, Massachusetts, on July 2nd. But the Marvelous One pulled a shocker when, instead of accepting Leonard's challenge, he announced that he was mulling retirement.

"It's been a long, strenuous road. I think I've fought everyone who deserved a shot at the title. I feel I've been a great champion. So I think that I would like to leave the game . . . to walk out as a proud champion," Hagler told a stunned gathering of media types; most of whom had already written their lead announcing a Hagler-Leonard fight.

Perhaps the key word is "think." Sceptics figure that the whole thing was just part of the build-up for an eventual Hagler-Leonard clash. In a column titled, "Hagler's Toughest Fight With Wife," *The New York Post*'s **Dick Young** wrote that Marvin just "needed more time to sell his wife on the fight. She wants him to retire. He always has been deeply concerned with **Bertha's** feelings." Jon Saraceno of *USA Today* put it this way: "Could Marvelous Marvin Hagler, the middleweight boxing champion of sneer in the ring, be henpecked out of his element?"

Although I doubt he appreciated being called henpecked, Marvin was the first to admit that his family's feelings had a lot to do with his dilemma.

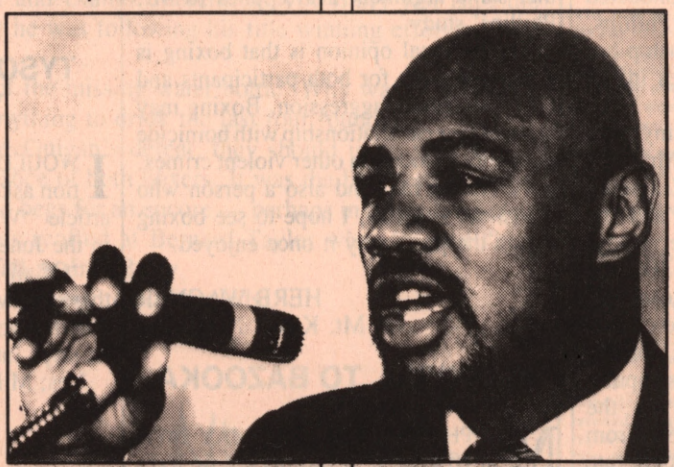
"My mother, grandmother and wife have looked forward to the day when I could give up boxing," explained the undisputed middleweight champion.

What fighter's family doesn't? However, there's an excellent chance that by the time you read this, Hagler will have had a change of heart and the Leonard fight will be already signed. Marvin certainly left the door open.

"I've made no decision about the Leonard fight. I feel that I'm going to need a little bit more time to determine what my future will be."

The guess here is that Hagler will put his domestic situation in order in the near future and proceed to pick up the biggest payday of his career against Sugar Ray. In fact, don't be too surprised if the October '86 issue of *The Ring* features a preview of what could be the largest grossing fight in history.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler shocked the press at his Brockton, Massachusetts press conference when he said he is thinking of hanging up his gloves. However, the undisputed middleweight champion left the door open for a possible super fight with Sugar Ray Leonard. Ray held his own press conference a week later and said he's willing to wait until Hagler makes up his mind.



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MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES

One of **Thomas Edison's** early experiments with motion pictures (the Kinetoscope) was the filming of a sparring session between Mike Leonard and Jack Cushing in 1894 in Llewellyn, New Jersey. Not only was this the first boxing film, it was one of the first films, period. At the conclusion of the exhibition, a warrant for the arrest of the principals was issued for engaging in a prize fight in violation of the law. They don't arrest you for boxing in New Jersey anymore, but from that day on, boxing and the movies have been involved in one of the longest running love affairs in box office history. While the filming of bouts became a major industry in itself, there has also been a never-ending series of Hollywood productions based on boxing — and an ever growing number of boxers dabbling in grease paint.

IBF heavyweight champion **Michael Spinks** thinks he might like to join the pack. Seems Mike was hobnobbing with **Bud Schulberg,** author of *On the Waterfront,* when Bud mentioned there might be a part for Spinks in the upcoming remake of his *A Face in the Crowd,* starring **Whoopie Goldberg** and **Don Johnson.** I hope Mike gets the part. He has a great sense of humor and a rubber face to match. These qualities never really came across in those perfunctory TV interviews you see before and after each fight, but in the right role, I think he'd be dynamite.

Continuing in a **Hedda Hopper** vein . . . **Joe Munley,** one of **Mike Tyson's** sparring partners, plays the role of a nightclub owner in red hot **Michael J. Fox's** new movie, *Around the Corner, the Light of Day* . . . Hollywood came to the **Ridgewood Grove Arena** in Queens during the summer for the shooting of *Heart,* the story of an aging prize fighter struggling to make a comeback (where have I heard that one before?) . . . *Heart's* producer, retired New York cop **Randy Jurgensen,** rented the venue and stocked it with extras recruited from area residents. Star **Brad Davis** trained for the part at **Gleason's Gym** (seven blocks from *The Ring's* editorial offices) . . . All we need now is for someone to make a movie

Round One

about **Nat Fleischer,** starring **Mickey Rooney.**

POLICE BLOTTER

A marijuana sniffing dog at New York's Kennedy International Airport uncovered four ounces of pot and a loaded .38 in **Dennis Rappaport's** baggage when it was shipped back east after the **Gerry Cooney-Eddie Gregg** fight. Rappaport denies all knowledge of the drugs and says, "This has nothing to do with Gerry Cooney." . . . Guess who's out of the slammer. None other than **Roberto Medina,** the Florida lightweight busted for jail breaking when the authorities recognized him during a nationally televised bout with **Meldrick Taylor.** Medina, 30, won a reduction in a two-year prison term and intends to resume his 12-2-1 boxing career . . . The father of WBA light heavyweight champion **Marvin Johnson** fatally shot a man who allegedly broke into Johnson's home and threatened him with a piece of lumber.

PHOTO BY JACK GOODMAN/DKP

Bill Parcells, head coach of the football Giants, said Mike Tyson could probably play fullback in the NFL. He certainly has the physique.

ROSIN DUST

Referee **Harry Kessler,** who handled over 150 TV bouts and 15 world championships, died of a heart attack in St. Louis. He was 85 . . . **David Braxton** has been stripped of the NABF junior middleweight belt after cocaine was found in his system following his 12-round unanimous decision over **Kenny Snow** in Detroit. Braxton, 35-2, is now facing likely suspension . . . WBA lightweight boss **Livingstone Bramble** has reached an out of court settlement with **Main Events,** his old promoter. Bramble will now fight for **Don King,** perhaps paving the road to a title unification with Don's other lightweight champ, **Hector Camacho** . . . Three Canadian provinces have joined the **Association of Boxing Commissioners,** bringing the total number of affiliated commissions to thirty-seven . . . Now that **Trevor Berbick** owns a piece of the heavyweight title, look for **Renaldo Snipes,** who beat Trevor in '82, to return to action . . .

WBA lightweight boss Livingstone Bramble—and his snake—are now in the Don King camp after reaching an out of court settlement with Main Events.

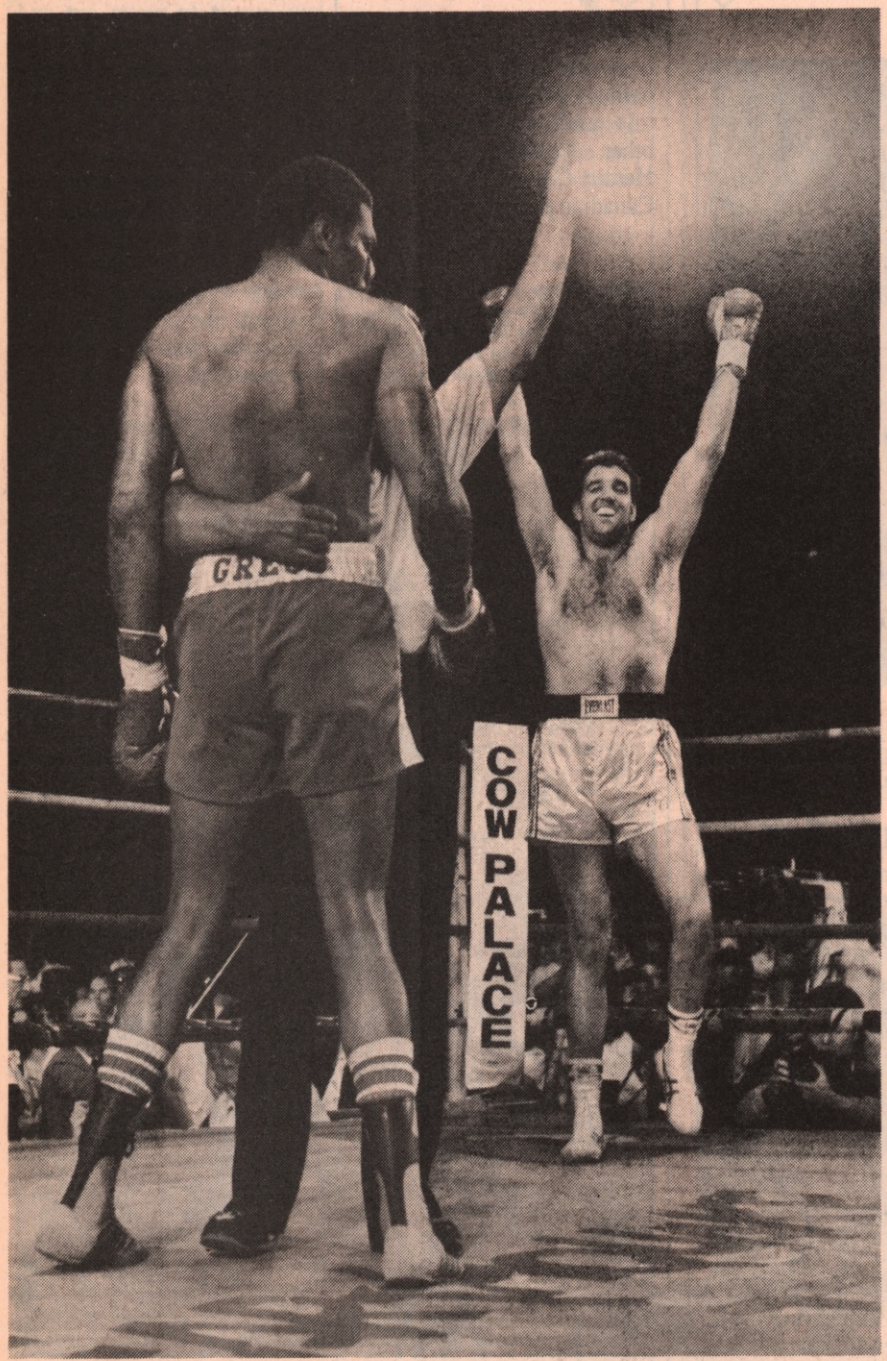
PUNCH LINES

Giants coach **Bill Parcells** on **Mike Tyson**: "If the guy wants to come out and play, we'll take him. It looks like he could play wherever he wants. I'd try him at fullback."

Bertha Hagler, shedding some light on why hubby Marvin is having problems deciding if he wants to continue boxing: "He's not really enjoying it like he used to. I can tell by the way he gets up in the morning." □

COONEY VS. TYSON: WHO WOULD WIN?

Managing Editor Herbert G. Goldman Looks Into His Crystal Ball And Picks The Winner Of What Could Be The Biggest Fight Of The 1980s



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Gerry Cooney raises his hands skyward as referee Rudy Ortega wraps a protective arm around Eddie Gregg. Cooney, making his first start in over a year, destroyed Gregg in just 1:26 of the first round.

KING KONG VS. GODZILLA. WILLIE Mays vs. Mickey Mantle. Ethel Merman vs. Mary Martin. . . . Those are only three of the great battles fans of movies, baseball, and the theatre think of when they go to sleep.

Today's boxing fans think about Gerry Cooney vs. Mike Tyson — the ultimate "battle of the bombers."

Imagine Cooney, the 6'7" Irish bomber with the left hook guaranteed to crush in the ribs of a gorilla, against Tyson, the 5'11" tank who sends his opponents flying across the ring with either hand. They're the heavyweights everybody looks forward to watching . . . and they may meet sometime in the future.

Two questions come to mind. When, if ever, will they meet? And who would win?

Let's consider the first question first, and go to the men most in the know to get the answer. First, Jim Jacobs, manager of Tyson and one of the most respected gentlemen in the fight game.

"My partner, Bill Cayton, and I have talked the matter over quite extensively," said Jacobs, "and we feel it will probably be a September, 1987 fight, which means it will happen after Mike wins the world heavyweight title."

Talk about confidence.

Cooney's manager, Dennis Rappaport, also feels that the match will happen — "in about a year and a half."

Heavyweights mature late, and Gerry Cooney was no exception. A former New York Golden Gloves champ, Cooney was considered little better than club fighter Mike (The Mad Russian) Tarasewich (a skinny 185-pounder with a fair punch but little all around ability) at the end of 1978, despite a 15-0 pro record. "Only" 12 of those bouts had ended in knockouts. Matt Robinson went four rounds with Gerry in the latter's fourth pro bout, and Sam McGill lasted the distance in an eight-round bout in White Plains on November 1, 1978. A 187-pound S.T. Gordon was disqualified in the fourth frame of a scheduled six-round bout with Cooney on March 17, 1978. (S.T. was ruled out for "moving away" from the Irish giant.)

Gerry's 16th professional bout, in Miami Beach on January 13, 1979, saw him win a unanimous eight-round decision over Eddie (The Animal) Lopez, a tough Mexican with the hide of a rhinoceros.

That was the last time one of Cooney's fights lasted the distance.

Four straight knockouts, including a two-round kayo over Tom Prater, who had lost an eight-round unanimous decision to

The looks on the faces of winner Mike Tyson and loser Mitch Green (background) say it all. While Green managed to last the distance, he took a real pounding.

Larry Holmes in the short lived U.S. Championship Tournament, enabled the aggressive Rappaport (a modern day master of ballyhoo) to build Cooney into a legitimate attraction. A scheduled 10-round "grudge match" against John (Dino) Denis headlined a show at Madison Square Garden on November 9, 1979, and Gerry responded by destroying Denis in slightly less than two and a half rounds.

The rest is history.

Tyson's story is quite different. A juvenile delinquent at the age of twelve, Mike was adopted out of the Tryon School, a penal institution for incorrigible boys, by Cus D'Amato two years later. D'Amato built Tyson from a street fighter into a formidable professional boxer with dynamite in both fists, and a good, but short lived and less than spectacular amateur career followed. Mike's pro debut began with a first round knockout over Hector Merceded on March 6, 1985. Tyson has been fighting rather steadily ever since — sometimes twice or thrice inside a month — and is currently 23-0 with 21 knockouts. He's a block of granite at 5'11" and 220 pounds, but moves extremely well and is not easy to hit. Mike also takes a good punch when he has to.

Tyson is still only 20 years old, and, remembering that heavyweights mature late, will probably get better long before he starts to get worse. Cooney will reach his 30th birthday on August 24th of this year. The question remains: who would win?

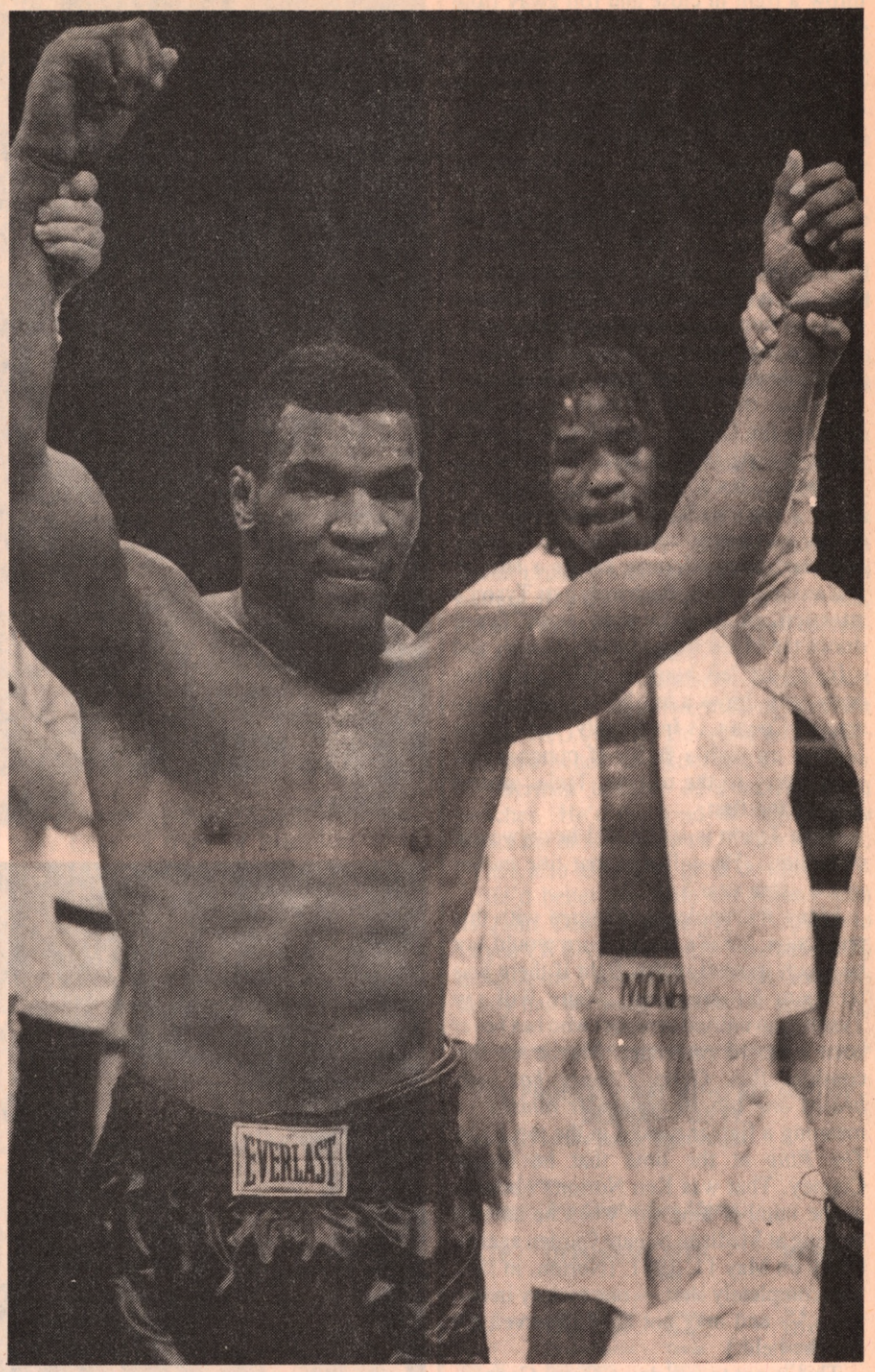
"Mike will fight as if Gerry had taken something from him," asserts Jacobs. "He only fights one way, and that means he'll be after Cooney from the opening bell. Cayton and I, as good managers, would never take a fight we didn't feel reasonably confident our man would win. You're comparing a fighter who fights every two years to one who fights every two weeks, and that's insane. Tyson will win by a knockout."

Dennis Rappaport, of course, sees things quite differently. "Cooney will knock him out" is Rappaport's predictionn.

Neither manager seems worried. The bout would be *the* heavyweight title fight of the 1980s — grossing more than Hagler vs. Leonard. It's hard to be worried when you have that much money staring you in the face.

Cooney himself, however, worries quite a bit. And that could be a factor.

Peter Heller, New York boxing judge and author of *In This Corner,* sees it like this: "We're first assuming Cooney sticks with boxing. If so, he's got the skills, and certainly the size. But while their physical skills may be equal — perhaps giving Cooney a slight edge — you have to remember that Tyson was indoctrinated by D'Amato with the will to win. That mental edge may be the difference. Add to that a little time for Tyson to acquire additional seasoning and polish, and you can't help thinking Mike will be the winner."



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Heller makes considerable sense. Mike would be only three months past his 21st birthday if the fight took place in late September, 1987. Cooney would be 31. The more time goes by, the more one has to favor Tyson.

The biggest flaw in Cooney's offense is his lack of a right hand. His left hook to the body is undoubtedly one of the great punches of all-time. But can he deal with a young foe who will charge right at him,

throw a right in close and roll away from Gerry's left at the same time? The biggest asset Mike has going for him, outside of his youth, is that he can hurt a man with either hand thrown from virtually any position. (He hurt Mitch Green badly. Don't let anyone say different. And Green was in there only to survive.)

Add this to the fact that Mike can take a punch, and you have Tyson winning. Remember that Cooney has never been hit hard by a big puncher. Holmes almost knocked him out — on two different occasions in their fight — with single blows. And Holmes has never been a kayo artist.

Picture this: Mike Tyson comes out looking for Cooney, and Gerry is right there. A long left jab from Tyson brings a Cooney hook that grazes Michael's head. They clinch. Mike steps back and bangs a one-two combo to the Cooney head and body. Cooney shoots a left jab and a straight right that barely gets Tyson's attention. A straight right from Tyson draws the blood from Cooney's nose, and a follow-up left hook to Mike's fireplug body only draws a left hook to the jaw in return. Cooney is hurt badly, and Tyson follows up with a flurry of punches that send Gerry to the canvas. Time: around 2:30 of the first.

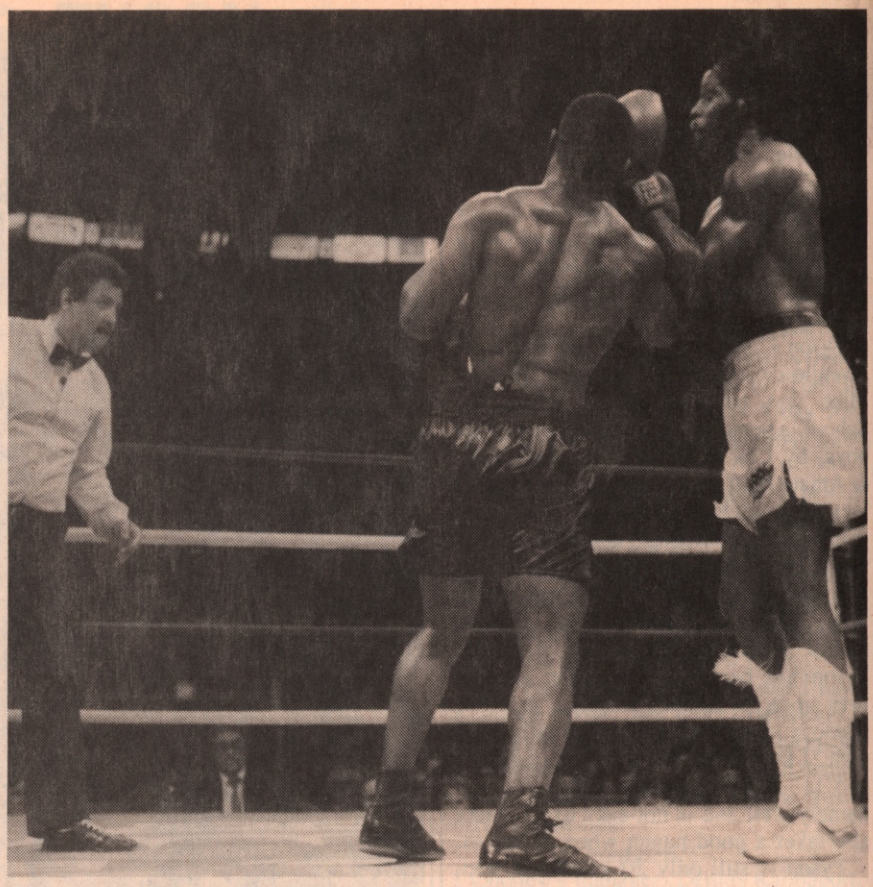
Mike Tyson is still world heavyweight champion. (He will win that title earlier in the same year.)

Many will violently disagree with this prediction. That's okay; there would not be much interest in this fight if there was no room for argument. Many will say Tyson is an untried prospect who has never been a top 10 contender. Maybe so. But consider this: *Gerry Cooney has only beaten one top 10 contender himself* — meaning a fighter ranked in the top 10 by *The Ring* at the time that he fought Cooney. That was Ken Norton, who was in the number nine slot when he entered the ring at Madison Square Garden against Gerry on May 11, 1981. (Norton, in fact, was completely shot — one victory in two years — and may not have deserved the spot he held.)

This is not to run down Gerry Cooney. He's an extremely hard hitter — with the hook — who would knock out most of the top heavyweights today. I pick Tyson by a first round knockout simply because I see it as that type of fight.

Cooney vs. Tyson. It should make a lot of money for both fighters, their managers, and the promoter. It should do well for boxing, too.

Just don't bet too much money on the outcome. □



Tyson makes Green's hair stand on end with this right uppercut. Note Mike's awesome back muscles.

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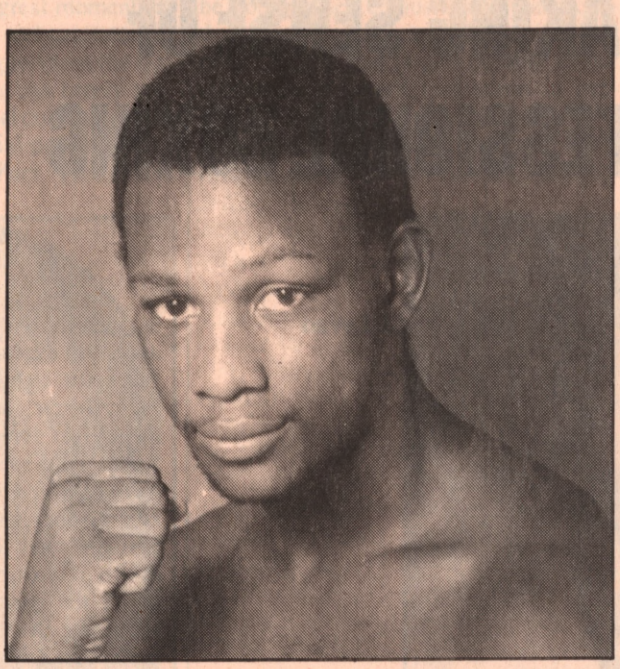
Cooney (right) catches Gregg with his famous left hook. Would Tyson fall prey to the same kind of punch?

New Faces

BERNARD GRAY



WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGSTERS, THE Gray brothers — all nine of them — used to spend a lot of time watching fights on TV with their father, Theodore. Therefore, it's not too surprising that three of them grew up to become professional boxers. So far, junior lightweight Bernard has been the most successful of the brood, streaking to 16 straight victories since turning professional in August of 1984.

"My father is a big boxing fan, and when I was 11 years old he took us to Angelo Dundee's Fifth Street Gym in Miami to see Muhammad Ali train," recalls Bernard. "I started boxing soon after that. At first, it was my brothers who really wanted to fight. But pretty soon, I got into it, too. Joe eventually lost interest and quit, but Clifford, a junior welter, is now 12-2-1 as a pro."

Although Bernard has fought all of his pro bouts in Tampa, he traveled around the world during his 151-19 amateur career, representing the United States in Russia, Germany, Sweden, Ireland, and Venezuela. Between trips overseas, he won five national AAU/ABF championships and two national Golden Gloves titles.

Gray had his heart set on making the 1984 Olympic team, but lost to eventual gold medalist Meldrick Taylor in the trials and ended up as non-competing alternate.

"It was a big disappointment for me," says Gray, a trace of bitterness in his voice. "I still think I beat Taylor."

Bernard has the advantage of fighting for the well-oiled Alessi Promotions. Many of Gray's bouts have been televised over the USA Cable Network, giving him the kind of national exposure so essential to a young fighter on the way up.

Despite the fact that Bernard has breezed through all his pro opposition with relative ease, he feels he's progressed by leaps and bounds since Jimmy Williams and Henry Grooms took over as his trainers nine months ago.

"When I fight, I feel like they are in the ring with me. We have a great relationship, based on love and friendship. Although the opposition is supposed to be getting better, my last three fights were my easiest, thanks to the things I've learned in the gym. I fought a lot of guys who knocked other guys dead. But when I fought them, the things I did shut them down."

While Williams and Grooms are responsible for Gray's fistic improvement, Bernard credits his mother and father for helping him follow his dream.

"I owe everything to my mother and father," says Bernard. "During the tough times when we didn't have much money, they always made sure I got by somehow."

The Gray family is very close and the 16 siblings still spend a lot of time in each other's company. The brothers enjoy shooting pool, bowling, and playing basketball together. Bernard, 23, also has a growing family of his own. His wife Tammi has given him two sons, Bernard, Jr. (two years old) and Marcus (just three months).

"My wife gets a little nervous when I fight, but she's very understanding and supports me all the way."

The Gray family are not the only ones who think Bernard has an excellent future in boxing.

"Bernard Gray was a world class amateur and I think he's close to becoming a world class pro," says Vince Murray, who has covered many of Gray's fights for the *Ocala Banner*. "Alessi Promotions haven't rushed him, but they haven't been putting him in with a bunch of bums, either. I think he'll be a top ranked contender in a couple of years."

Although Gray numbers 11 knockouts among his pro victories, most of them are of the TKO variety. He is not a devastating, one-punch knockout artist.

"Bernard is more of a boxer than a puncher. He's the kind of fighter who wears the other guy down," says Murray. "He's also always in great condition."

He'd better be. With champions such as Julio Cesar Chavez (WBC), Alfredo Layne (WBA), and Barry Michael (IBF) heading the 130-pound division, Gray certainly has his work cut out for him. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF BERNARD GRAY

Tampa, Florida junior lightweight.
Reach: 70"
Height: 5'9"
Manager: Top Contenders Mgmt.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
		1984	
Aug. 15	Brian White	Tampa	KO 1
Sept. 11	Jimmy Mitchell	Tampa	W 4
Oct. 4	Gary Edwards	Tampa	KO 3
Nov. 7	Danny Blanton	Tampa	KO 1
Nov. 20	Pepe Rivera	Tampa	W 6
Dec. 5	Luis Vicioso	Tampa	KO 4
		1985	
Jan. 17	Julio Gonzalez	Tampa	W 6
Mar. 17	Jimmy Rojas	Tampa	KO 1
May 1	James Sanders	Tampa	KO 4
June 20	Jose Perez	Tampa	KO 5
July 14	Dennis Derisme	Tampa	KO 1
Aug. 15	Reese Smith	Tampa	W 8
Nov. 6	Ruben Herasme	Tampa	KO 4
		1986	
Feb. 27	Mike Huckabee	Tampa	KO 2
Mar. 19	Carlos Albuerne	Tampa	W 8

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
16	16	0	0	11

READING THE FIGHTS: MAKING SENSE OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING

by Ronald Levao

INHABITANTS OF THE BOXING WORLD have a highly developed instinct for paradox. Consider the case of Ferdie Pacheco. Not only does his nickname, the "Fight Doctor," mischievously pare down the traditional "Ringside Physician" as if to force an oxymoron, or worse, a sinister ambiguity (one who "doctors" or fixes fights), but his style of commentary—veering from enthusiasm to clinical detailing of injury to cries of concern to the blackest humor about hapless boxers — has produced a series of crazy juxtapositions on NBC's boxing telecasts.

Some of Pacheco's finest moments occurred while his network was grooming Frank "The Animal" Fletcher into a temporary contender. Despite Fletcher's violent floundering, he was in some ways a perfect television fighter. He punched in broad, sweeping arcs with legs wide spread, like Clayton Moore playing the Lone Ranger, so that no act of aggression could be missed by the viewer, or by his counterpunching opponent. Such recklessness, joined to a stout heart and a questionable chin, ensured that every bout would dramatize a struggle from the brink of disaster by a low-budget, but real-life, Indiana Jones. The sheer hyperbole of Fletcher's style inspired the Fight Doctor to flights of fancy during the fight — "first the Animal backs them up; then he eats them up" — and then at post-fight interviews, as in his unforgettable discussion with the battered and toothless fighter about the virtues of his new health-food diet.

Fletcher's NBC miniseries was surely not boxing at its best; indeed, it often seemed dedicated to representing what boxing looks like through the eyes of its abolitionists: the brutal efforts of underprivileged youths to pound one another into senselessness. Yet any attempt to turn the Fletcher-Pacheco Odd Couple into victim and sadist runs aground on the facts of the case. Fletcher reveled in the violent melodrama of his profession, as did his mother, whose on screen displays of maternal care included leading crowd chants of "Animal! Animal!" and racing around the ring apron to plead with her son to go more often to the body. Pacheco, for his part, is a persistent campaigner for medical reform; he was one of the first to urge Ali to retire in the mid-seventies when his reflexes and kidneys gave signs of darker things to come, and today shows so much solicitude at the sight of blood that some of the crustier observers have renamed him the "Fright Doctor."

What are we to make of such a spectacle? And if we can make something of it, what of the broader questions that follow — questions about the problematic status of prizefighting itself in contemporary culture? More than any other sport, it both challenges and repels comment, review, and interpretation. Some of this urgency stems from the unique place boxing holds in modern discourse: it is the only major sport whose abolition is and will remain a continual source of controversy. Why does it arouse so much outrage and so much passionate defense? The low social and economic status of most of its participants seems to mark it as a sport of desperation and exploitation, yet even the most successful fighters, or those who ought to know better, have difficulty persuading themselves to retire. Even the blinded Ray Seales confesses that if offered a fight now, he would be tempted to accept. Spectators from all social levels, aware of its brutality and corruption, are likewise drawn to boxing with a fascination wholly unlike the spirit of campy, carnivalesque slumming that marks the recent boom in professional wrestling. There is, too, the mysterious appeal of boxing to masters of literary narrative, from Homer and Virgil to Hemingway and Mailer. Perhaps the spectacle's very marginality makes it irresistable: its violent action seems at once senseless and self-sufficient, beyond the reach of any possible translation, and yet demanding that something be said about it or made out of it. Boxing offers itself as something gratuitous yet fundamental, an especially vivid and candid enactment of all struggle, including one that joins participant and viewer: the struggle to make sense of action.

Evidence of that struggle is everywhere apparent at the fights. Fighters attempt to shape the course of events with their bodies and minds, reading their opponents and themselves for signs of strength and weakness. The impulse of narrative and critical analysis ripples outward from the ring: the cornermen produce sixty-second

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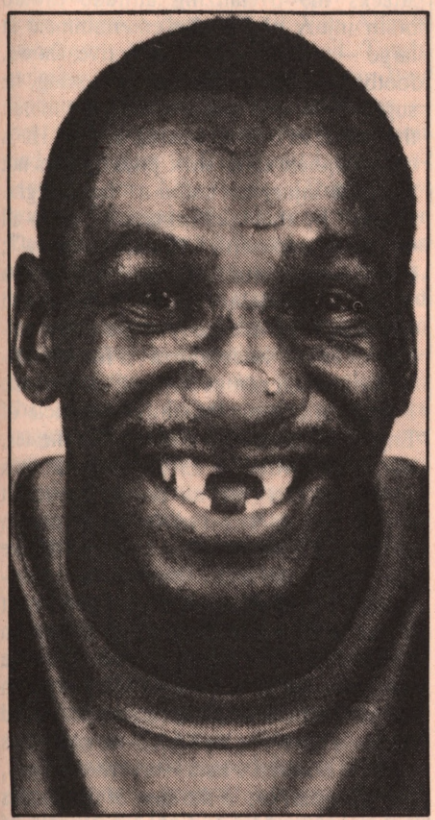
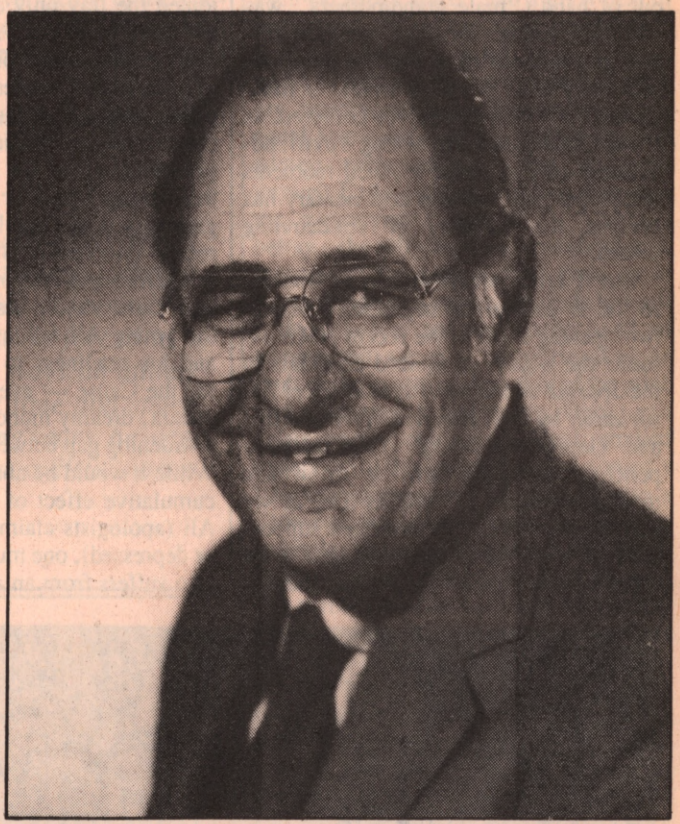
synopses and projections between rounds; journalists scribble, type, or phone in ongoing reports from ringside (Dempsey's trip through the ropes onto a reporter's typewriter is one of the great moments in the history of narrative); and spectators in the highest bleachers argue about the significance of events they can barely see. Finally, there is the critical combat beyond the arena, on the editorial pages of *Ring Magazine, The New York Times,* the



Jounal of the American Medical Association, and so on, between apologists and abolitionists. I want this essay to serve as a kind of commentary on the conflicting ways we look at, and try to talk about, boxing at the present time. My general strategy will be, in traditional pugilistic fashion, to start on the outside and work my way in. Much recent emphasis has been put on demystifying boxing, exposing its psychological, social, or economic motivations and its medical consequences. Like many followers of fights, I find myself disturbed, illuminated, but finally dissatisfied by such revelations; inevitably I find myself implicated in polemic and schemes for reform. My primary purpose here, however, is to consider the difficulties boxing's appeal presents to any scanning, difficulties that are nonetheless valuable for sharpening our sensitivity to its strange attractiveness.

AN AXIOM: THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, human institutions or activities that cannot be both praised enthusiastically and condemned as wasteful, vain, hypocritical, or cruel. This is true in part because of our ambivalence toward institutions in general, and in part because of the habit of rhetoricians, ancient and modern, of transforming the problem of ethical choice into virtuoso displays of praise and blame. And there is, too, a kind of sensibility that feels that it must take moral stands, that approval or disapproval, affirmation or denial, must be exercised throughout the entire range of its, and others', experience. The pull toward, and the difficulty of, making such judgments is exemplified by the abolitionist controversy.

The tenuousness of general affirmation — that is, praise extending beyond enthusiasm for local moments of the action — is clear enough. The first time I was introduced to a pair of padded gloves, I was also introduced to the phrase "manly art," an expression that now sounds more quaint than robust. The "sweet science" of Pierce Egan and A.J. Liebling now gets enough ironic use to make it, too, inaccessible unless accompanied by, at the very least, a knowing wink. Less easily dismissable are the claims of those who find in fashioning themselves as fighters a new sense of discipline, dedication, and concentration. The extraordinary, tragicomic tale of the reformed prison escapee, "Hector Medina," recently exposed and arrested after a televised fight, proves the value of boxing for those with tremendous energies seeking outlet. But given the sometimes bleak results of ex-fighters' brain scans, the argument for character-building is compromised by the danger of that character's accelerated erosion.

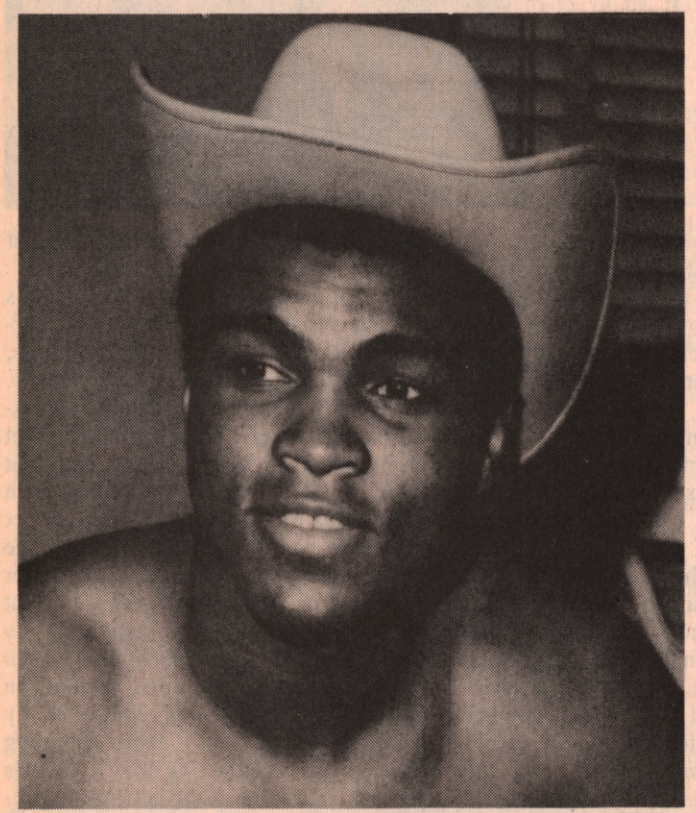


Frank "The Animal" Fletcher (left) and Dr. Ferdie Pacheco: boxing's Odd Couple.

One of the final recourses for boxing's defenders is the appeal to economic opportunity. It was either the ring or crime, former champions like to tell interviewers. But the infrequency of financially successful boxing careers, even with the current proliferation of weight classes and split titles, suggests that we are dealing with the dreams of the underprivileged rather than any broadly realizable goal. The value of dreams, for individuals or for society, must not be underestimated, but neither should their susceptibility to exploitation. Financial opportunity, even for the best of fighters, often depends on a trickle-down economy dominated by managers and promoters expert at sealing up leaks. Nor does boxing draw its crowds and fill promoters' and network execu-

tives' pockets because the public is fascinated by the spectacle of young men improving their financial condition. Horatio Alger stories help only so much at the gate — Pinklon Thomas's evolution from heroin addict to heavyweight champ is the sort of drama that is good for the Nielson ratings, but without his booming jab and crunching right, he would not be marketable. The Dr. Johnson of boxing, the late Nat Fleischer, used to dismiss abolitionists out of hand (''male grandmothers'' was harrumph enough for him), but most current afficionados have found themselves with very little room in which to maneuver. They find themselves cornered, as it were, into conceding boxing's evils, advancing only to praise isolated moments within the ring. General commentary has become the property of condemning voices.

But if broad affirmation is in trouble, so too is categorical negation. Consider two opening shots in the recent AMA assault, the widely publicized editorials in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* by Drs. Maurice W. Van Allen and George Lundberg. They pull no punches: boxing is a ''sin,'' a ''throwback to uncivilized man,'' and as long as we don't probe too deeply into their supposition of some Other who managed to be more violent than civilized man, there is some force in their remarks. We know too much about the consequences of a blow to the head not to need to listen. The death of Deuk Koo Kim on national television reminded us of a terrible truth already established by the fate of Ernie Schaaf, Jimmy Doyle, Benny Paret, and too many others. Curiously, the sleepy, slurred speech of Muhammad Ali seems to have inspired even wider outrage; Dr. Lundberg, editor of *JAMA*, apparently joined the fray only after seeing Ali in a televised interview. Ali's case is, however, a complicated one, not only because of the uncertain causes of Parkinson's syndrome, but also because of Ali's odd emotional makeup. Media reports powerfully juxtapose tapes of the youthful Ali, threatening Liston or bantering about his greatness with Cosell, with tapes of sad, recent interviews. But before accepting the before-and-after narrative as the final story, one should also listen to tapes of the young Ali talking about his religion and his readiness to give up everything for the Cause — even there one heard a distant, dreamy monotone that prefigured a widening gap between sincerity and joy. While it would be absurd to minimize the cumulative effect of ring punishment on Ali (apologists claim he is merely bored or depressed), one must not forget that Ali also suffers from an acute loss of inspiration.



Muhammad Ali's nuances and eccentricities provoked a world of observers to thunderous chants of recognition: "Ah-lee! Ah-lee!"

Moreover, because the AMA itself conceded that boxing ''does not seem any more dangerous than other sports currently accepted by society'' (it is, in fact, ranked seventh), the question left unanswered is, What makes this sport different from all others? Does the brain's delicate jelly spin and slosh any differently within the cranium when hit by a 280-pound lineman than when hit by a gloved fist? Van Allen attacks the trivializing attitude toward brain injury of popular entertainment at large — cartoons, TV detective shows, football — but in the case of boxing, he supplements the medical with the moral: the *intention* behind boxing is evil. He is quite explicit about this: prizefighters not only risk injury but suffer a ''basic degradation'' by their performances, as do all who are ''expose[d]'' to such a ''show''; the physician must eliminate boxing as a ''public spectacle.'' If his terms sound familiar, it is because they are a new edition of an old issue, the most famous version of which comes down to us from the Puritan attack on the sinful spectacle of English Renaissance theater. The theater, too, was reviled as an abomination to a Godly society for its power to attract rowdy crowds to witness the deformation of human identity. It is no coincidence that the Globe and other public, professional Elizabethen theaters were built either in the northern suburbs of London or south of the Thames in order to escape the Common Council's jurisdiction, even as early professional boxing in the United States sometimes mounted its spectacles in legal no-man's land — on river barges, for example, or, in the case of the famous Fitzsimmons-Maher fight, just south of the border to avoid the Texas Rangers. For in both cases, human extremes are willingly and skillfully transformed into public entertainment.

What, however, has taken the place of an angry God to encourage one man to read into and moralize against the inner life of another? Almost universally, abolitionists appeal to social conscience and humanitarian concern. Van Allen reflects ironically on the way our society expresses a ''near-hysterical concern for every conceivably deleterious factor in the environment'' and whose ''strident voices urge equality for all and promote and make capital support of equal rights,'' but will not put a halt to the ''literal sacrifice of minority youth for the profit and delectation of self-styled sportsmen.'' Thunder on the Right meets oversimplication on the Left. Prize fights at English supper

clubs or at Las Vegas and Atlantic City casinos (favorite spectacles in abolitionist polemic) may be unsavory, though more for what they show us about social inequity in general than what they tell us in particular about boxing; the fighters themselves welcome the payday. A visit to a more traditional fight club shows audience and fighter as part of one social group. The respect and affection between a crowd at, say, Stockton's Civic Auditorium and the veteran slugger Yaqui Lopez waving from ringside does not fit Van Allen's paradigm. Nor does Desmond Tutu's pointing to Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson as his childhood inspirations — nor, more generally, does the fascination and admiration in Black and Latin communities for Ali, Hagler, Durán, Arguello, Olivares, and many others. For Dr. Van Allen to admit the genuineness of such feeling, given his assumptions, would go beyond mere snobbishness and condescension; it would imply an equation between such communities and the sadistic, even the subhuman, an implication that may well lurk behind Van Allen's conjecture about why more fighters are not aware of progressive brain damage: they lack sufficient introspection to notice.

My point is not to question Van Allen's sincerity or the seriousness of the AMA's social and political concerns, however erratic they have seemed through the years. (Opinion in the medical community is, in fact, divided on the boxing issue, both on scientific and ethical grounds, as can be seen from subsequent letters to *JAMA*.) I am suggesting, rather, that some of the AMA attack, and a good deal of antiboxing polemic in general, is inspired less by a concern for the boxers themselves than by a discomfort about one's own role as an educated and prestigious member of a society where many, whether by necessity or choice, literally fight for a living. These attacks are vitiated by their single-mindedness and Olympian distance; their zeal is directed less against the exploitation of minority youth (I have yet to see alternative careers proposed for those who are to be deprived of their profession), than toward sanitizing and homogenizing American culture. And while voices of outrage usually get the most publicity, they are not always the most interesting. More valuable, and closer to the action, are calls for abolition that arise from a sympathy gone sour, voices such as Gerald Early's.

Early's two essays, "Notes Toward a Cultural Definition of Prizefighting" (published in *The Hudson Review* in 1981 and 1983), are valuable for their failure — despite the author's most strenuous attempts — to arrive at any definition at all. Early's "Notes" are, in fact, at their worst when they affect theoretical gestures to gain leverage on the subject: boxing is blamed variously on racism, "male politics," primitive ritual, and the "Anglo-Saxon will to power." (More than a little bad faith shows through in the first essay, whose partial title, "Hot Spicks Versus Cool Spades," Early tells us disingenuously, echoes the "vernacular of the average white," and more than a little absurdity in the second, in which Roberto Durán is transformed into "the mythical Anglo-Saxon male.") The essays are appealing nonetheless for their tensed juxtaposition of disdain and elation: Early calls boxing "vicious," "ghastly," and "ugly," yet confesses himself a "passionate lover of professional boxing." Even as he uses the confession to bolster his right — perhaps his "will" — to judge, Early gives expression to the schizophrenic reactions boxing elicits. In one paragraph he pities boxers as exploited victims of tawdry symbolism and in the next he extols Benny Leonard, Henry Armstrong, Joe Brown, et al., as "greats," as if such a term still had meaning. If boxing's "shoddy and cheerless brutality" is exposed in one place, it is the failure of big fights to deliver their promised drama that provokes a cry for the sport's "swift execution." Indeed, laments for the expense of spirit in the wasteful ring mingle repeatedly with outrage at spiritless fights: Ali's "suffocatingly passionless" victories over mediocre "White Hopes," or the Philadelphia middleweight Cyclone Hart's failure to show proper enthusiasm in his quest for a title shot.

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The inconsistency of Early's focus is in some measure a consequence of his own background, as his essays describe it. A studious youth rasied among poor Philadelphia blacks — though apparently of better means than they — he was drawn to the toughest street fighter: "He had a great deal of respect for my intelligence (even in those days I was known for being a bookish boy) which I thought surprising since virtually no one else did. It was an even exchange since I had a great deal of respect for the way he used his dukes." It is this dream of a lost reciprocity — when passionate, physical vigor and solitary, unappreciated intelligence existed on equal terms and could acknowledge and admire each other — that glimmers through Early's anger. The coy dips into the vernacular ("bookish," "dukes") betray a shy self-consciousness about such a memory; for now, having gone on to better things as a writer, he finds himself both an insider and an outsider, still an admirer but also a social critic. And he finds in the unsettling brutality of the prize ring a betrayal of that dream. Books and dukes coexist only in the local, studied metaphor of his essays: Ray Leonard's "Joycean dispassion" set against Durán's "romantic impulse of improvisation," for example. Yet other writers who dare seek their own figurative rapprochements with ring combat (Mailer, Liebling, *Ring* reporters) become targets for Early's jealous hostility. If, as Early intends to show us, "only a true lover of the sport can understand why the proles deserve a better fate," his essays also show the difficulty of coming to terms with an activity that may at one moment quicken the pulse and at another wrench the gut, one that may evoke, in the same observer, both passionate engagement and sullen rejection.

AS WE MOVE STILL FURTHER INTO THE culture of boxing, we may expect to find increasing sympathy for the fights, but we also find, in the fighters' own attitudes, continuing signs of a radical ambiguity. "There's nothing to love about being hit in the head," one-time WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver told a *New York Times* reporter. "Therre's nothing to love about feeling blood come out of your nose, or seeing it come out of somebody else's." Fighters routinely insist that they are only in it for the money, with defensive quips like Tex Cobb's, "It beats workin'." Yet boxing also evokes joy, not only in such notorious tough guys as Roberto Durán with his sinister grin and Charles Manson glare, but in "gentleman" boxers like

Floyd Patterson who, in the waning days of a very long career, called boxing his "shot of LSD," and who now trains his adopted son as a boxer. Postures of hatred and contempt (Durán stunned a national audience when he boasted that his still unconscious foe, carried out of the ring on a stretcher, would be taken to the morgue if they fought again) coexist with those of love and respect: Bobby Chacon, stopped by Alexis Arguello, vowed to name his next child "Alexis," and did. Amy Levit, a former ballet student married to California boxer Ruben Soloril, told a documentary filmmaker that boxing was her husband's "identity." "It's how he expresses himself to people. It's how he feels love." Perhaps the most volatile attitude was Muhammad Ali's. Having announced his superiority to boxing the day after he won the heavyweight title in 1964, he continued to express his disdain, with hysterical assertions of his greatness, for the better part of two decades. Boxing is senseless, he would tell interviewers, a ludicrous spectacle of two grown men in shorts, jumping up and down while hitting each other; at the same time he was quite capable of promoting an upcoming fight as "the greatest sporting event in the history of the planet earth." To dismiss either position as mere sanctimony or salesmanship is to misread Ali's remarkable yet exemplary story: few public figures have ever revealed so profoundly the compulsiveness of *homo ludens* and his appetite for serious play.

IF THERE IS ANY CENTER TO THE MYSTERY of boxing's appeal, it lies in that ancient paradox of serious play. Huizinga may have made the element of play in human culture a subject for academic scrutiny, but there are no activities in popular culture that make so agonizingly apparent as does boxing the unstable boundary between games and cold earnestness. Boxing, for this reason, assumes a special status among athletic events. Abolitionists routinely denigrate it as a "so-called sport" and they are in some ways right. We may just as properly call it a "metasport," because it exposes to the critical eye the deep structure and motivation of all athletics. Other sports "degenerate" into fights when rules and discipline break down — the swinging of hockey sticks, the emptying of benches after a bean ball — events that usually provoke indignation, videotape repeats on the evening news, and amused commentary on how few good blows were landed. Boxing orders and preserves the energies released at such moments, and it is for that reason that it is both the most primitive of contests and a match for any in the complexity of its strategies, counterstrategies, rituals, and traditions. Its strategies are relentlessly pragmatic, yet one is often surprised by the preponderance of means over ends. A great fighter takes pride in those means. After defeating Giulio Rinaldi at Madison Square Garden, Archie Moore complained of his foe: "His lack of finesse appalled me." The energies embodied by a fight may be pictured, to borrow an old figure, as surging within interesting pyramids or gyres — variously nameable as skill and violence, play and earnestness, art and abomination — because we become aware that the blend is never stable, not from fight to fight, nor from round to round, nor even from minute to minute. The figure itself is unstable: where does one picture a skillfully executed foul, or a gracefully delivered knockout blow? It is, nonetheless, serviceable: as one side assumes prominence over the other, the fight takes shape as what the morning papers will call a "chess match" or a "pier-six brawl." There is, despite what Hollywood melodramas show us, a long-standing contingent that enjoys the former. Among the astounding tales fight buffs enjoy telling, dramatic knockouts rank no higher than Willie Pep's winning a round without tossing a single punch. Of course, even the most balletic fighter (unless he is throwing the fight) must eventually start throwing punches, yet the potential swing to brutality coexists not merely with athletic skill, but with a still further extreme — a joyous exhibitionism, and reveling in ornament. Though the "Ali shuffle" and the "bolo punch" were defended by their practitioners as having strategic value, they more truly show that the world of broken noses knows its own forms of the baroque, and that seedy gyms foster their own rococo.

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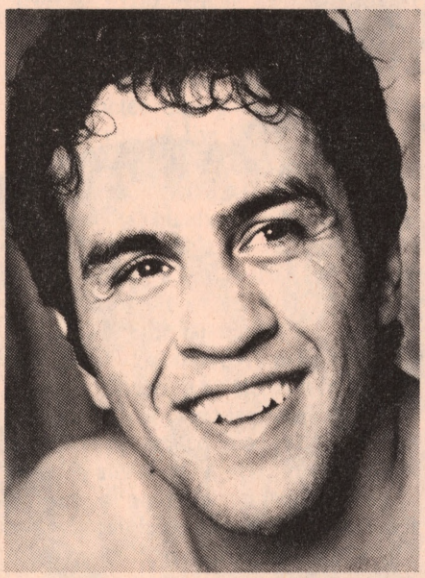
But no great fight is unmixed. It is the area of intersection that is crucial, and in the most perfect fights — Louis-Conn I and Ali-Frazier I come immediately to mind — the pyramids of darkness and light, of violent struggle and the virtuoso's finesse, are most intimately joined. These are the forces played out on the physical stage — the raised white canvas is a blank and basic *platea* — which make it possible to see great fighters as great artists, however terrible their symbolic systems. It may be, and perhaps should be, difficult to accept the notion that a prizefighter's work merits the same kind of attention we lavish on an artist's, but once we begin attending to and describing what he does in the ring, it becomes increasingly difficult to refuse the expenditure. The fighter creates a style in a world of risk and opportunity. His disciplined body assumes the essential postures of the mind: aggressive and defensive, elusively graceful with its shifts of direction, or struggling with all its stylistic resources against a resistant but, until the very end, alterable reality. A great fighter redefines the possible.

Despite the melancholy image Muhammad Ali presents today, one cannot review his career without marveling at it. He forced us to reimagine the ways an athlete moves through time and space; even in his waning years, he waged a battle against stylistic norms. As a youth he held his hands too low, and yanked his head straight back from blows (an amateurish move, the traditionalists grumbled), yet he so accelerated the pace of heavyweight fighting that scarcely anyone could keep up with him. With extraordinary self-consciousness, Ali relished the difficulty his dancing around and back created not only for his opponent, but also for ringside cameramen trying to keep him in the frame. As he aged, he sought the opposite extreme in posture and pacing: immobile along the ropes, head down and hands held high, he slowed the pace of major fights to an excruciating point, exhausting his foes, not by forcing them to keep up with him, but (consider this) by luring

them into trying to force him to keep up with them. Ali was always the expert parodist, whether through his (and Bundini Brown's) cartoonlike nicknames for his opponents' styles ("The Rabbit," "The Octopus," "The Washerwoman"), or through his exaggerated mirrorings of his foe — his deliberately awkward rumbling around the ring, elbows swinging, against Bonavena, his out-daring Jerry Quarry in a game of chicken (who could drop his hands longer?). These moves gave Ali the illusion of omnipotence, even when he had to struggle, as he did against Bonavena, even when desperately hurt, as in the eleventh round against Frazier when, severely shaken by a hook, he did a campy, drunken dance, a comic's version of the staggering fighter. As he aged, he forced his opponents to parody themselves as eager young challengers working over the old man. If his esthetic proved to be more dangerous than Ali at first imagined — his satiric impression of a punch-drunk fighter at a press conference for the first Frazier fight is horribly ironic today — he still insists it was worth it. Many would no doubt feel more comfortable if they could convince him that it wasn't.

Ali's loyalty to the profession that broke his jaw, slurred his speech, and possibly did worse, still hidden, damage is based in part on what he calls "my millions" and on his vision of future opportunities for the black man. But it also represents a performer's devotion to the medium through which he expressed genius, genius that might otherwise have remained unexpressed, perhaps inexpressible. He understands, too, that to ban the probable cause of his distress would be to render trivial the world's continued fascination with him. He became Ali by creating the Ali style. It is a style for which there are antecedents in Jimmy Slattery, Gene Tunney, Kid Gavilan, and others, but one which he fashioned into so distinct a form that one might say of the way he turned his head or countered over a jab what Coleridge said after reading the verses of a friend: "Had I met these lines running wild in the deserts of Arabia, I should have instantly screamed out 'Wordsworth!' " Ali's nuances and eccentricities provoked a world of observers to thunderous chants of recognition: "Ah-lee! Ah-lee!"

It is, finally, this mass fascination with the fighter's violent art that is most disturbing to the abolitionist. Why does it matter so much to so many? The answer, I have been suggesting, lies in the kinds of energies boxing makes explicit. When boxing brings to the surface the deepest impulses of sport, the immediacy of its revelations is registered in the conduct of its spectators. The image of the bloodthirsty crowd is accurate in part and inadequate in sum. At its worst, the crowd becomes vicious and vindictive; at its best, it is filled with the spirit of mimesis. The

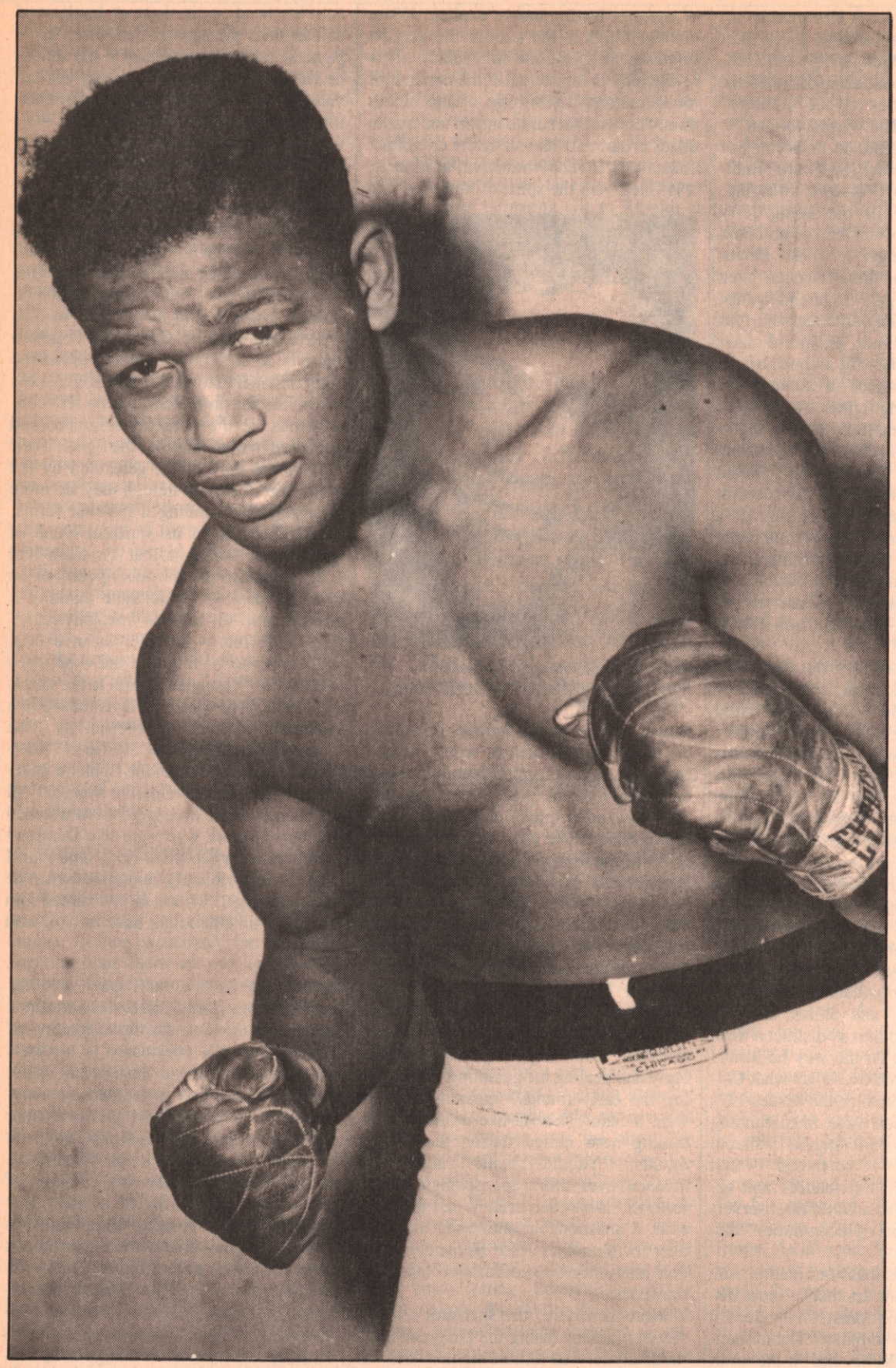


Bobby Chacon, stopped by Alexis Arguello, vowed to name his next child "Alexis," and did.

viewer rolls with the punches or mimics the blows he has seen or would invoke; boxing is the only sport I know in which the bodily motions of performer and spectator so exactly mirror each other. If the crowd hungers for a knockout, that too is a part of the mirroring transaction, but its appetite is less for carnage than for intensity, a state of heightened response that may be compromised by too brutal and one-sided a spectacle; cries of "stop the fight" not uncommonly supplant cries for the kill. That intensity may, of course, take bizarre directions. A few years ago at a Yaqui Lopez fight I sat next to one ringsider who, after swearing threateningly and peeling off gambling stakes during the early rounds, apparently underwent a Saint Theresa-like ecstasy as his trailing hero rallied during the closing rounds: "Yaqui! Yaqui! Yaqui!" he moaned, eyes rolling up, rocking back and forth in his wooden seat. When the decision, a questionable one, went to Lopez over the smoother Jesse Burnett, I doubt that many mystics could have felt more transported.

More generally, the spectator's intensity is focused, fusing the passionate and the analytic. The skilled fighter does not lose his head in the heat of battle, and neither does the agitated fan. Even as he pays the most rapt attention to the action, he calculates the turns of strategy and advantage, recalling precedents and projecting consequences, scanning the subterfuges and tropes of style and action. It is this presence of both passion and analysis that draws so many different kinds of observers to the fights. Researchers have suggested that some personalities grow addicted to their own bodies' surges of adrenaline: they may become high-pressured businessmen or high-stakes gamblers. Casino owners and promoters in Las Vegas and Atlantic City have observed the type to their profit: nothing draws the high rollers into town like a big fight. Less profitable for promoters, but no less conspicuous, is the attraction of men (and some women) of letters to the fights. Their fascination is, I think, generated by the same sort of fusion, though they are more accustomed to finding it in other forms. It was because of its apparent blend of passion and thought that Grierson and Eliot turned to metaphysical poetry as an esthetic ideal — "passionate thinking is always apt to become metaphysical," Grierson wrote — and there is an analogous power to be found in the experience of a fight. "Though a quarrel in the streets is a thing to be hated," Keats mused in a letter to his brother and sister-in-law, "the energies displayed in it are fine." Sherwood Anderson saw in the fighter a metaphor for the artist's creative frenzy: "All of his nerves are on edge. I have watched painters at work who were like Dempsey about to enter the prize ring. One man I knew swore violently sometimes when he was painting. If you had interrupted him at such a time he might have hit you with his fist."

IF WE ARE RELUCTANT OR EVEN REpelled by the effort to direct such intuitions and analogies toward a fuller reading of boxing's appeal, one reason is boxing's spectacular failure to sustain an object commensurate with such intensity. Anyone involved in the fight game, whether as fan or professional, must expect to meet the most fundamental kinds of betrayal. Freddie Brown and Ray Arcel, trainers of another era, found a revival of their glory days in the great Roberto Durán until his "no mas" return bout with Leonard shook them as deeply as any fighter Durán demolished in the ring. Government, universities, organized religion — all august institutions are liable to arrogance and cynicism; but the squalor of boxing corruption,



Sugar Ray Robinson: one of Bishop Desmond Tutu's childhood inspirations.

the gratuitous brutality of its mismatches, the cynicism of its fixed fights, and the disastrous consequences for some of its victims, are as uncompromisingly visible as are its excitements. For all the self-serving hypocrisy that laces Howard Cosell's conversion to the abolitionist camp, the genuineness of his disgust is impressive: "I am worn out by it." Like Cosell, almost all who desert the sport do so not out of boredom, but out of sheer exhaustion. Every enthusiast who resists idealism or flippant fibbing (Cus D'Amato tried to blame congenital aneurisms for ring deaths; Angelo Dundee claims he has never seen a fixed fight) must find some way of negotiating between delight and dismay. Consider, for example, *Flash Gordon's Tonight's Boxing Program,* an insider's newsletter that swings wildly from devoted detailing of the smallest club cards to bitter (and sometimes paranoiac) exposés of a "racket which bursts at its seams with whores, slobs, and pimps." Conspiracy theories and the fixed fight are prominent in Gordon's universe: the FBI, the crooked promoters, and the television networks are together a league of demons; notices of upcoming fights are punctuated with sixties-ish "wow!"s, even as they are scrutinized for mismatches and dives — Gordon signals these by changing the names of the participants: K.O. Pectate, Lew Sitania, Kenny Breathe, Willie Getup. The suspicious fight is, after all, not uncommon, and in a sport this tough no one wants to sound naive. Wise-guy humor, a peripheral atmospheric feature of many sports, becomes a necessity for so much of the fight crowd, both as a mode of accommodation and a means of forgiving.

But perhaps the greatest obstacle to a full and subtle reading of the fights is learned inhibition, a sense of decorum that requires us to cringe at the thought of over-intellectualizing popular culture, particularly in aspects that seem low brow. "To 'read' boxing matches or pop festivals," one literary critic has complained, "yields . . . predictable results. Modern popular art is seen to be a 'bad dream' of high art." While such resistance may sensitize us to a discrepancy between our terms and the elements of culture we would probe, it also reflects on the intellectual's anxiety about his place in society, his cultivated and precarious distance. Fighters and those close to the action — trainers, managers, fight-beat correspondents — for all their jaded realism, feel no such squeamishness, and they revel in the subtleties of their trade. Watching a fight requires the observer to be alert to the rhythms and phrasings of the combinations, to the expectations they create and the improvisations that are born during moments of pressure. An alert reader of Ike Williams or Ray Robinson has more in common with an alert reader of Donne or Milton than with a dull reader of either. The fight itself encourages our keenest responses. Everything is done off the jab because the jab embodies attention, speculation, and penetration: "Weaver's jab is more *perceptive* than Dokes's," Angelo Dundee noted during their heavyweight fight last year. A live fight makes enormous demands on our own powers of perception. The decisive action of other sporting events is calculated to be as publicly visible as possible: a home run, a touchdown, or a basket can be witnessed from almost anywhere in the arena or stadium. The decisive moment of a fight may be more secretive — an uppercut delivered inside, or a subtle shift in strategy — and yet that event is perhaps the most highly concentrated moment of significance in any sport. A home run's greatest potency is four points; a team trailing by ten runs can hope only that the opposing pitching staff caves in, demoralized. But a single blow or combination may change a fight utterly, and there is no next inning to catch up. John Tate was leading roughly 13 to 1 when a left hook ended his reign as heavyweight champion.

Though the "Ali shuffle" and the "bolo punch" were defended by their practitioners as having strategic value, they more truly show that the world of broken noses knows its own forms of the baroque, and that seedy gyms foster their own rococo.

If boxing survives, it will not be because of hoped-for reform, nor because of enormous television purses (as Cosell self-importantly declares), but because of the curious fact that it is harder to decry the violence of a skilled fighter than of a crude one, even if more actual damage is done by the former. A talentless fighter may be a sympathetic figure, but more often he becomes a source of displeasure, or of only fleeting interest; we can only wish he would find another line of work. Jack Dempsey's recent death evoked an outburst of praise for a "true hero," even from commentators who felt compelled to lament, in subordinate clauses, the source of his fame; Joe Louis's ability to fell an opponent with a blow traveling less than a foot remains a touchstone for athletic prowess of any kind. As a gifted fighter matures, his ring conduct becomes an increasingly complex assimilation of reality, and a confrontation of great fighters seems virtually a Thucydidean clash of cultures. Almost any scandal is forgotten in the wake of a great fight, whose transfiguring powers border on the magical. *The New York Times,* which in its editorials and sports columns has relentlessly demanded the abolition of boxing, reflected those powers as well as any publication after the Hagler-Hearns fight. George Vecsey's attacks on corruption and brutality gave way to Dave Anderson's breathless adjectives: "thunderous," "tempestuous," and "marvelous." The "perilous pace," the "sheer beauty of brutality" not only "gloriously justified" Hagler's newly legalized name ("Marvelous") — "He was as marvelous as a boxer can be, perhaps as marvelous for eight minutes as any boxer has ever been" — but justified, however temporarily, prizefighting itself: "This was not just another third-round knockout, this was eight marvelous minutes that will be remembered for what boxing is supposed to be, but seldom is." Not even the voice of sophisticated disillusionment could cancel out a quasi-erotic wonder at Hagler's eight-minute revelation of glory. Anderson's enthusiasm was contagious. A moving, if somewat wishful, article on Ali appeared soon after, invoking Ali's continuing good humor and playfulness to suggest that he was as sharp as ever, only speaking more slowly. The *Times's* Sunday *Magazine,* which had run a neurological analysis of fighters' injuries and the nine levels of cerebral concussion, complete with cut-away diagrams of the skull and medical translations of boxing jargon (one of the neatest pieces of linguistic imperialism one would ever care to read), ran Joyce Carol Oates's meditative piece on boxing's dark fascination. This turn, it must be emphasized, was not the result of boxing's cleaning house, of medical or ethical reform, or of a new editorial policy. It came out of a great fight in which boxing once again revealed most truly what it is: highly skilled and highly dangerous, a keenly focused public exhibition of human will and intelligence translated into articulate energy. □

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BRIAN BARONET'S PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT

South African Hero Shifts
U.S. Campaign Into High Gear

by Steve Waldman

photo by Pete Goldfield

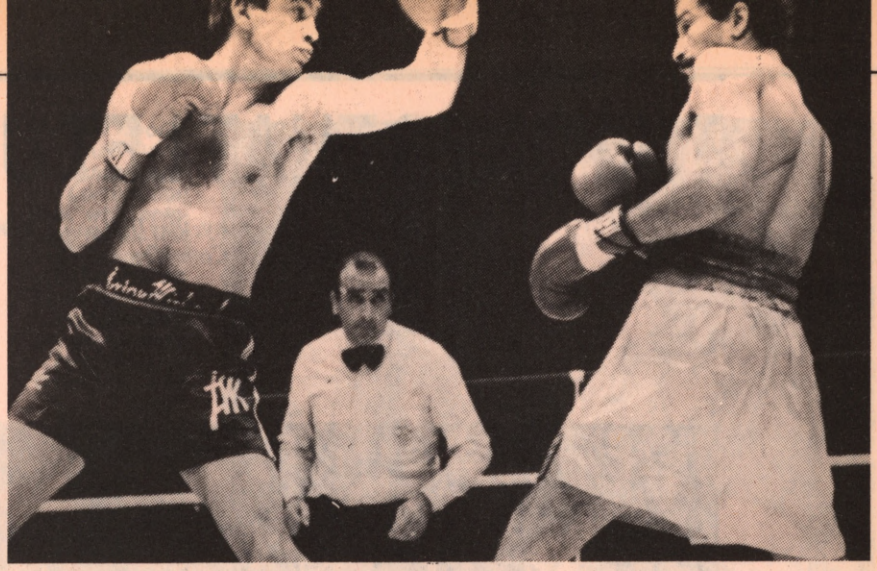
ALTHOUGH NOBODY BELIEVES that the streets are paved with gold anymore, the United States is still a powerful magnate to people around the globe seeking to improve their lot in life. This is especially true for those hoping to carve out a fortune with their fists. While boxing remains one of the few truely international sports, any fighter who wants to reach the top of the financial ladder has to eventually come to the land of the free and the home of the dollar. Such is the case with South African junior welterweight Brian Baronet, who is currently fighting out of Philadelphia during an extended American campaign.

A pro since April of 1980, Baronet was an established, though slightly tarnished, star in South Africa when he packed his boxing gear and flew to America, determined to give boxing one last try. A handsome and articulate crowd pleaser, Brian was being groomed for a world title shot back home in Durban when he ran into a tartar in fellow countryman Arthur Mayisela. The "Fighting Prince," as Mayisela is known, battered Baronet into a ninth round TKO defeat before a capacity crowd of over 6,000 fans in Sun City.

Refreshingly, Baronet offers no alibi for this devastating loss. "I never make excuses for Mayisela. He was just a better man that night."

Although the loss left Baronet with a still respectable 29-2 (18 kayoes) record,

Brian Baronet has his arm raised in victory shortly after his rugged win over Rodney Moore in Atlantic City.



Baronet rips into Juan Rondon (right) on his way to an impressive 10-round decision in Sun City, Bophuthatswana.

he'd just about run out of options in South Africa. However, Brian emphasizes that the loss to Mayisela did not directly precipitate his decision to come to the United States. He had planned to come to America, when he first met his current manager, Lee Schely, back in July '85. He chose Philadelphia because of the superior sparring available and the opportunity of mass exposure available in nearby Atlantic City.

According to Baronet, the change in scenery has brought a fresh outlook, especially in terms of training under the expert guidance of Wesley Mouzon. Nevertheless, he looked decidedly mediocre scoring a split 10-round decision over Rodney Moore before the ESPN cameras in February. Moore, a relatively inexperienced preliminary fighter, gave Brian all kinds of trouble, landing early and often before Baronet rallied to sneak home a disputed winner.

It was hardly an auspicious beginning, and many experts figured Baronet had better go back to South Africa before he got his head knocked off. But little did they realize the wonders several months of schooling with Mouzon would work. In his next start, Brian dominated touted Chicago product Joey Ruiz, registering a lopsided 10-round decision in the main event of another ESPN card.

Against Ruiz, Baronet displayed power (decking Joey in the first round with a sweet left hook), handspeed, stamina, and most significantly, a vast defensive improvement. Ruiz, a good banger, was unable to connect with any frequency, while Brian relentlessly dished out punishment.

"On the night he beat my guy (Ruiz), Baronet was sensational, the greatest," says no less an expert than Angelo Dundee. "He's a good fighter who has his own awkward style . . . and he can punch. He'll definitely make an impression at 140 pounds."

While the vast majority of his bouts have been in South Africa, this is not Baronet's first trip to our shores. He won a pair of four-rounders in Atlantic City back in 1981, but then returned home where he beat a variety of domestic and imported opponents over the next four years. Some, like Sammy Goss, James Martinez, and Johnny Summerhays, were washed-up veterans who added little but "names" to Brian's record. But others, such as American Harold Brazier, Venezuelan Juan Rondon, and South African Aladin Stevens, were quality fighters.

A close points loss to Argentina's Lorenzo Garcia in '83 was only a temporary setback, but, following a string of 11 more victories, Mayisela handed Baronet the only knockout loss of his pro career. It was time for a change.

Soccer was Baronet's first love, but he came from a fistic family (his father is one of South Africa's top trainers) and he naturally gravitated towards the manly art. Like so many other youngsters, Brian developed an interest by simply "tagging along" with others to the local gym. He eventually put together a 36-12 amateur log that included a number of South African championship.

Outside of boxing, Baronet is interested in the garment industry. He has worked professionally in both the merchandising and modeling aspects of the field. Although certainly not a proponent of *apartheid*, Brian still expresses a love for his native land, and expects to return periodically. But because of the knockout loss to Mayisela and the current political upheaval in South Africa, Baronet knows his future lies on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

Yes, the good old U.S. of A. is still the land of golden opportunity. Schley has hammered out a promotional agreement with Top Rank and Brian should now be able to land bigger fights and commensurately larger purses . . . providing he continues to win. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF BRIAN BARONET

Durban, South Africa junior welterweight
Born: August 7, 1960
Manager: Lee Schley
Trainer: Wesley Mouzon

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1980		
Apr. 14	Paulas Shozi	Durban	KO 2
May 19	Koos Mifuphi	Durban	KO 3
July 2	Temba Tshabalala	Durban	KO 1
Sept. 15	Moses Mthiyane	Durban	KO 3
Nov. 2	Sipho Malinga	Durban	KO 3
	1981		
Feb. 5	Robert Johnson	Atlantic City	W 4
Mar. 8	Maurie Zalacon	Atlantic City	W 4
May 4	Moses Mthembu (Won Natal Lightweight Title)	Durban	KO 1
July 21	Allen Ferland	Durban	KO 1
Aug. 31	Nicholas Gumede (Won Natal Junior Welterweight Title)	Durban	KO 1
Nov. 2	Rodney Botha	Durban	KO 2
Dec. 14	Sammy Goss	Durban	KO 7
	1982		
Feb. 5	James Martinez	Johannesburg	W 8
Mar. 27	Tom Crowley	Johannesburg	W 8
Apr. 26	Raymond Smith	Johannesburg	KO 4
June 28	Walter Clayton	Durban	W 8
Oct. 14	Johnny Summerhays	Johannesburg	W 8
	1983		
Feb. 5	Bramley Whiteboy	Johannesburg	KO 8
Mar. 14	Lorenzo Garcia	Durban	L 10
June 20	Jerome Gumede	Durban	KO 4
Aug. 10	Ted Hatfield	Durban	KO 10
Nov. 28	Harold Brazier	Durban	W 10
	1984		
Apr. 28	Mike Essett	Welkom	W 10
June 18	Gary Gamble	Durban	KO 2
July 16	Aladin Stevens	Durban	KO 3
Oct. 1	Ali Karim Muhammad	Durban	W 10
	1985		
Mar. 30	Juan Rondon	Sun City	W 10
June 8	Jose Antonio Garcia	Vereeniging	KO 1
July 10	Eric Martin	Durban	W 10
July 27	Domingo Ayala	Sun City	KO 9
Nov. 2	Arthur Mayisela	Sun City	KO by 9
	1986		
Feb. 21	Rodney Moore	Atlantic City	W 10
May 15	Joey Ruiz	Merrillville	W 10

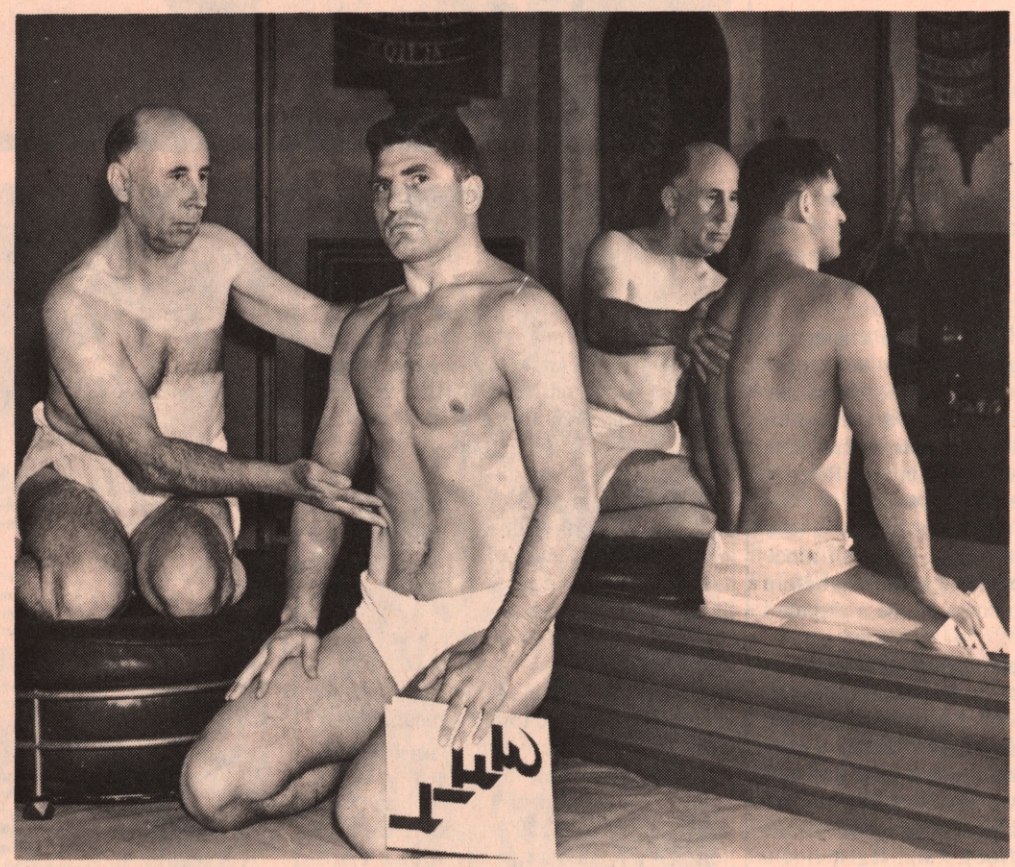
SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
33	31	2	0	18

THE ONES THAT LET US DOWN

He whom the Gods wish to destroy, they first call "promising."
— Cyril Connolly

by Joseph D'O'Brian



Although Lou Nova studied yoga and other Eastern disciplines while training for his match with Joe Louis, it didn't help. The Brown Bomber put him into a deep trance in the sixth round.

I'M HIGH AS THE PROVERBIAL KITE on Mike Tyson. I suspect that Mark Breland just might be a better fighter than Sugar Ray Leonard. And if Michael Olajide plays his cards right, he could be the guy to turn boxing into a glamour sport once again.

And now that I've said this, each of these three guys will probably get chewed into small greasy chunks the next time he steps into the ring. That's the way it is in this game. You see a guy fight once or twice, you fall in love, you sing his praises to the world, and you end up looking like a bloody fool as soon as he fights someone whose heart is still beating. That's happened to each of us, even to the smartest of us, and it'll never stop happening.

I think this, above everything else, is why boxing is the cruelest sport. Because when something like this happens, the poor guy who disappointed us isn't let down gently; he's dismissed in 10 seconds, forgotten in one minute, and if his name is ever mentioned again, it's in the context of "that bum." You never see this in baseball. Might-have-beens like Marv Throneberry are idolized. You never see it in love, either. Old girlfriends who didn't work out are remembered fondly, with a wistful smile.

Maybe I'm as cruel as the next guy, but I don't like to be cruel about fighters. Some of the guys who never made it still managed to put their marks on the game, and some of those marks are a good bit more interesting then the marks left by the all-time greats.

Of course, there have always been a lot more flashes in the pan than there have been real explosions. In the past 10 years, we've seen only a handful of really great fighters come along: Holmes, Hagler, Leonard, Donald Curry, Duran, and mabye Pryor and Arguello. And just think of how many times we've been disappointed in that same time: Gerry Cooney, José Baret, Marvis Frazier, Ray Seales, Milton McCrory, Lonnie Smith, Howard Davis, Duane Bobick, and on and on and on.

The lemons will far outweigh the bananas in any period of boxing history. The very first story, told by the Greek poet Homer almost 3,000 years ago, is about a young hotshot named Euryalus who everyone thinks is going to be the baddest fighter in history. Then they match him with an old dude named Epëus, who packs him away with one punch.

But Euryalus came off pretty well. In exchange for being knocked goofy and dropping out of the top 10, he became an immortal, to be read about by university students for centuries afterwards. Modern boxers are usually not so lucky.

A hundred years from now, who's going to remember Chuck Davey? Lou Nova? Roy Harris? Who today remembers Billy Wells or Jack Munroe?

There's a big difference between the guy who comes up, might or might not be good, and is proved not to be that good, and the guy who everyone *knows* is good and then turns out not to be. It's this latter type, the nine-days-wonder type, that we're concerned with in this article.

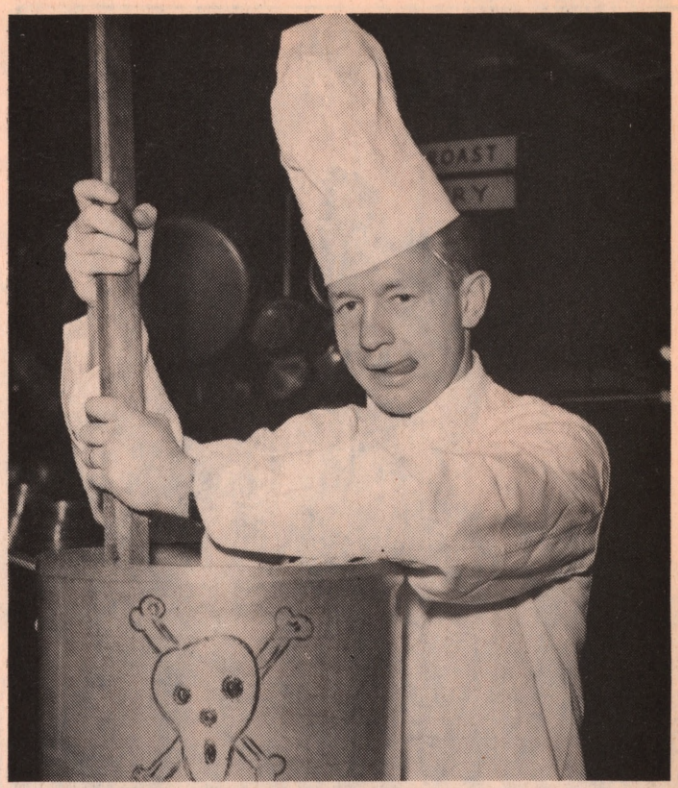
The nine-days-wonder is colorful. He doesn't just look good in the ring; he's also got an interesting past, a gimmick, a funny trademark. He's a grabber.

A guy like Lou Nova got people's attention. He didn't always do it on the strength of his fighting skills; after all, he had a loss to Tony Galento on his record. But he was a marketing genius.

When he stopped Max Baer and ended Maxie's career in 1941, Nova did not impress. He lost several of the early rounds, visited the floor once, and took a lot of hard shots before he wore Baer down and knocked him out. But he was a smart guy. Instead of just telling the press the straight story, he revealed that his victory was due to his "cosmic punch," a secret, irresistible blow that he'd discovered through his studies of yoga.

Since boxing is not a popular sport in India, and is almost never practiced in the ashram, Nova's remarks didn't make a great deal of sense. But that didn't matter. The press had a story, and the fans had something to discuss over their beer. Nova's cosmic punch, which nobody, even Nova, could quite describe, became the story of the hour.

A match between Nova and Joe Louis suddenly became a natural. Nova continued to study yoga and other Eastern disciplines in his training camp, and while some fans dismissed him as a flake, quite a few were good and curious. The odds were on Louis, but the consensus was that



Early TV favorite Chuck Davey whips up a "Special Combination Stew" while prepping for his title shot against Kid Gavilan in 1953. Come fight time, Gavilan dished out all the medicine, stopping Davey in the 10th round.

Duane Bobick has bantamweight great Carlos Zarate on the ropes; a position Duane often found himself in during a career that promised much and delivered little.

"Bombardier" Billy Wells: British heavyweight who was frequently knocked cold by 'lucky" punches.

Writer D'O'Brian wonders if Michael Olajide has the right stuff to turn boxing into a glamour sport again—or will he be another disappointment.

Nova was going to give him a hell of a fight, and just might land that cosmic punch after all.

As it happened, Nova did land his cosmic punch. It was a perfectly ordinary straight right which didn't even make Louis blink. The Brown Bomber loafed through the first five rounds, then put Nova into a deep trance with one swift attack in the sixth, proving that a concrete Platonic form always beats a non-material concept.

Chuck Davey was another smart self-promoter, and like Nova, he sold the public on his brain, not his brawn.

People liked Chuck Davey because he was so unlike the stereotype pug. He was college-educated, clean-cut, well-spoken and personable. Sort of a latter-day Frank Merriwell, or Gene Tunney with a pleasant disposition. And there were those who claimed he could fight. After all, hadn't he boxed rings around Rocky Graziano, *The* Rocky Graziano? Never mind that Graziano was old and slow and had lost his desire. If Davey could beat him, he was going to really clean up on that wimpy welterweight champ, Kid Gavilan. Or so a lot of people thought.

Chuck Davey, so it's said, was smarter than his fans. Some say that he was perfectly aware of how over-rated he was, and that when he went into the ring at Chicago Stadium on February 11, 1953, he was only concerned with not looking too bad. My Dad, who saw the fight, once told me, "He had a look on his face when he came into the ring like he knew the jig was finally up."

It was. Gavilan, who wasn't a puncher, teased Davey and made him look silly for a few rounds, then slugged with him. Davey went down four times, got all cut up and busted up, and in general took a beating that his worshipful fans couldn't have imagined even in their worst nightmares. And when the fight was over—the instant it was over—Chuck Davey was on the scrap heap. In his first rise, complete destruction and immediate fade into obscurity, Davey was the Jimmy Carter (the President, not the fighter) of boxing.

Sometimes, to be sure, the fans will be so hyped on an overrated fighter that they'll allow him several devastating losses before they finally are convinced that their grandmothers could stop him. Duane Bobick, for instance, was subjected to a long series of quick kayoes after Ken Norton had taken 58 seconds to discredit him. Jerry Quarry stayed in the top ten for years after it was finally realized that he wasn't championship timber, allowing

Texan Roy (Cut and Shoot) Harris got a big build-up, but quickly fell apart when he faced Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight title in 1958.

himself to be pounded on by the best in the business in the vain hope that he would, like Pinnocchio, suddenly wake up and be for real.

But for my money, the fraud with the most lives had to be Billy Wells. Wells was a good-looking English heavyweight, a white hope back in the 1900s and 1910s. "Beautiful Billy," they called him. He was very big, unusually handsome, a fine boxer with a big punch. But a love-pat on the chin would put him into a profound slumber, and his opponents found that if they couldn't reach his chin, a sock in the belly would have exactly the same effect.

"The truth about Wells took a long time to dawn," wrote boxing historian Harry Carpenter, summing up the situation as charitably as possible. In 1912, Wells was welcomed to the United States as the man who just might be the guy to rid the world of a troublesome black man named Jack Johnson. The American promoters figured they'd test him, for starters, against a clumsy trial horse named Al Palzer. Palzer handled him easily, stopping him in three. A lucky punch, Wells' adherents said. They matched him with Gunboat Smith, who was no better than Palzer, and Wells was on the floor, snoring, in the second.

Okay, two lucky punches. Wells went back to Europe, stopping in Ghent, Belgium to meet a 19-year-old middleweight named Georges Carpentier. His backers weren't taking any chances this time.

Neither was Carpentier, as it happened. Four rounds later, he was waving happily to the fans while Wells' seconds made with the smelling salts.

The explanation from the fans? What else? Another lucky punch. On December 8, 1913, Wells and Carpentier met again, this time at the National Sporting Club in London. And finally, everyone agreed, the situation would be set straight.

It was set straight, too. To be precise, Billy Wells was set straight, and stiff, flat on his back, in 73 seconds of the first round. Jim Driscoll, the old featherweight, leaned into the ring and screamed, "Get up, you coward!" as Wells lay there, but Billy's problem wasn't his heart.

There was a photograph of that fight, the like of which I have never seen before or since. It's a picture of Wells, brought back to consciousness, standing in the middle of the empty ring, trying to apologize to the crowd. The rows of men in dinner jackets are simply staring back at him, their eyes saying, "You schmuck!"

Even after all that, Wells did not drop out of consideration. He held onto the British heavyweight title until 1919, and there were always a few optimistic voices suggesting that maybe he might like to try Jack Johnson or Jess Willard. Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed, and Wells kept plugging away until he finally lost his title by a quick kayo at the hands of Joe Beckett. Yes, Joe Beckett, the Jack Bodell of his era.

Every serious boxing fan, I'm sure, can make a list of several dozen fighters who had him convinced of their greatness after a fight or two, then un-convinced him very quickly thereafter. And, except as part of one's own personal experiences, there's no particular point to remembering them. But there's even less sense in forgetting these guys after they've disappointed you. Fighters like Wells, Nova, Davey, Bobick and so on may never make it into the Hall of Fame; some of them may not even make it into the index of an illustrated history of boxing.

Therefore, maybe it's important for us to keep them in our heads, no matter how silly they once made us look. After all, each of them was a hell of a fighter for a couple of fights, and they gave us pleasure. And why else do we follow this game? □

SOLID GOLD MAN

TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO, WHEN this column was still carried in *Boxing Illustrated,* I did a piece on "Boxing's Unsung Heroes" of the present. Here, for all you "Solid" readers, is a sequel: "Boxing's Unsung Heroes of the Past," a salute to the great but seldom recognized fight journalists, editors, statisticians, promoters, etc., of yesteryear. Some of these men were well known in their day, but are nonetheless unknown to modern fans.

SAM AUSTIN. A lot of boxing buffs have heard of Richard K. Fox, editor-publisher of the *Police Gazette,* the man who was to John L. Sullivan what Professor Moriarty was to Sherlock Holmes. Almost no one, however, can remember his successor, Sam Austin, who carried on the Gazette's role as boxing's official unofficial journal and even refereed a number of world title bouts.

JAMES J. COFFROTH. Coffroth was certainly not unknown in his own time. On the contrary, he was arguably the country's top promoter until Tex Rickard came along. At the turn of the century, most of the big fights were held in California, and Coffroth was the undisputed dean of boxing in the Golden State—particularly San Francisco, his home base. Among the title contests he promoted were the two featherweight championship bouts between Abe Attell and Owen Moran and the second and third Battling Nelson-Joe Gans lightweight title affairs. (The second Attell-Moran bout was scheduled for 23 rounds as a promotional gimmick.) Coffroth also holds claim to having originated the light heavyweight division.

A.D. PHILLIPS. "Dad" Phillips was Nat Fleischer's father-in-law and a great authority on boxing in his own right—one whose knowledge Fleischer offered to put up against that of "any man in the world." Phillips saw the Corbett-Sullivan bout of 1892 and always insisted that Joe Jeanette was one of the top 10 heavyweights of the first 50 years of professional Queensberry boxing. Phillips was a frequent contributor to *The Ring* in the '20s and '30s.

CHARLES MATHIESON. A boxing authority's boxing authority. Mathieson was

Turn of the century promoter James J. Coffroth holds claim to having originated the light heavyweight division.

a boxing judge in New York in the 1920s and early '30s, and one of the most honest men in the sordid history of the sport. It was Mathieson who cast the dissenting vote in the split decision that gave Jack Sharkey the heavyweight title in 1932. (Charley scored the contest 9-5-1 for Schmeling.) "If Mathieson scored it that way, you can bet that's how the fight was," Dan M. Daniel told me. Mathieson was a journalist by trade, working under sports editor Nat Fleischer on the New York *Evening Telegram* in the 1920s. Charley's knowledge of the sport was without equal.

THOMAS S. ANDREWS. From 1902 until the '20s, T.S. Andrews' *Annual World's Sporting Record Book* was one of the best guides to boxing. More accurate than the *Police Gazette* record books of the early 1900s or the *Everlast* books that began in 1922, Tom Andrews' publications remain small classics in the field and a great source of records. Andrews also published two editions of *Ring Battles of Centuries* (1914 and 1924), larger books with records of the all-time greats. *Ring Battles of Centuries* was one of the sources for Nat Fleischer's series of *All-Time Ring Record Books* in the 1940s.

MIKE COLLINS. Promoter, matchmaker, publicist, and publisher of *The Boxing Blade,* Mike was a formidable power in midwest boxing in the early '20s. A poll conducted by the *Blade* resulted in the crowning of Pinkey Mitchell (Richie's younger brother) as world junior welterweight champion in November, 1922. (Even *The Ring* never did anything like that.)

GEORGE BANNION. Timekeeper at Madison Square Garden from the mid-1920s, when he replaced George Muth, until 1949, when he gave way to Fred Abbatiello. Bannion was the timekeeper when the Garden presented about 75 percent of all the major fights in boxing. Bannion's dedication to his craft is prob-

Ted Broadribb was a former fighter who became one of Britain's greatest fight managers.

A poll conducted by The Boxing Blade *magazine in 1922 resulted in Pinkey Mitchell being crowned as world junior welterweight champion.*

ably worthy of a slot in boxing's Hall of Fame.

TED BROADRIBB. One of Britain's greatest fight managers, Broadribb fought under the name "Young Snowball," and kayoed future world light heavyweight champion Georges Carpentier. Broadribb also refereed the Jackie Kid Berg-Mushy Callahan light welter title tilt in 1930.

JOHNNY SHARPE. He was Ted (Kid) Lewis' first opponent, outpointing Lewis over six rounds in London on September 13, 1909. Sharpe devoted most of his life to boxing, and was *The Ring's* British correspondent for many years.

WILLIE SHULKIN. King of record keepers in the 1930s and '40s, Willie worked for *Everlast* and *Bang* before Nat Fleischer hired him to work on *The Ring* record book in the early '40s. Most of Shulkin's work never saw print. "He had every fight that every prelim fighter had," remembers Marty Cohen. A real unsung hero.

JOHNNY SALAK. One of the best—and least recognized—men to ever grace the masthead of *The Ring*, Salak's knowledge, dedication, research expertise, and journalistic skill helped this publication reach the peak of its popularity in the 1950s. Salak left *The Ring* around 1960 to pursue a career as a free lance writer. He died a few years later. "The good ones always die young," Groucho Marx once observed. "The *schmucks* lived to be a hundred."

This is a hopelessly large area, and *The Ring Record Book* may well end up the depository for a far more extensive list in the near future. Please write and let us know if you would like more of these, and if you have any favorites you would like to see included. □

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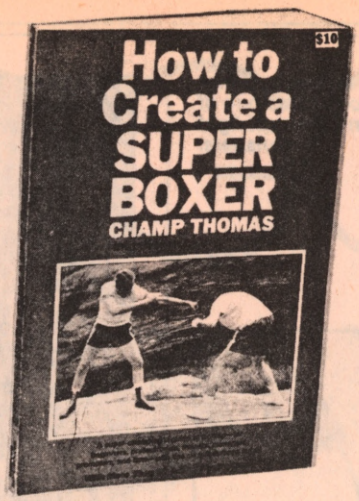

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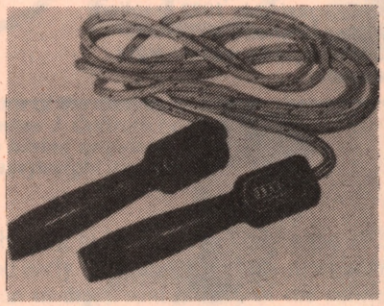

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ASK THE ANSWERMAN

by Herbert G. Goldman

Q: Who was the oldest world champion in boxing history? The oldest rated professional fighter? Who was the oldest pro boxer to ever enter the ring?

HERMAN PENA
San Bernardino, Calif.

A: *Archie Moore held the world light heavyweight title until he was almost 49 years old. Moore was also the oldest man to ever be included in the top 10 rankings. The oldest man to ever engage in a professional bout was probably Walter Edgerton, the "Kentucky Rosebud," who knocked out John Henry Johnson in the fourth round at the Broadway Athletic Club in New York in February, 1916. Edgerton was then 63 years old; Johnson was 45.*

Q: What is the substance that a cornerman applies to a cut with a cotton swab? What is it made of, and how is it taken off?

JERRY MEYER
Ottawa, Ohio

A: *Different cornermen use different things at different times. Many commissions insist all coagulants have an epinephrine base. "Cut medicine" is rarely taken off; it's usually knocked off by the fighter's opponent.*

Q: What was Jose Basora's professional record?

NICK DIETMAIER
LaCrescent, Minn.

A: *Basora, a tough middleweight who fought from 1939 to 1952, had 104 bouts, winning 77 (44 by kayo), losing 20 (five by kayo), and drawing six, with one "no contest." (The bout was halted due to rain.) He is best remembered for his 10-round draw against Ray Robinson in Philadelphia on May 14, 1945. Robinson kayoed Basora in the first round when they met again, in Scranton, Pa. on August 25, 1950. Basora had wins over Jake LaMotta and Fritzie Zivic.*

Q: How many defenses did Muhammad Ali make before he was stripped of the title?

ANGEL M. VARGAS
Corpus Christi, Texas

This month the "Answerman" helps reader Nick Dietmaier with a query about middleweight Joe Basora, who was best known for holding the incomparable Sugar Ray Robinson to a draw in 1945.

A: *Ali, who won the title by defeating Sonny Liston (TKO-7) on February 25, 1964, successfully defended the crown against Liston (KO-1), Floyd Patterson (TKO-12), George Chuvalo (W-15), Henry Cooper (TKO-6), Brian London (KO-3), Karl Mildenberger (TKO-12), Cleveland Williams (TKO-3), Ernest Terrell (W-15), and Zora Folley (KO-7) before all bodies stripped him of the championship for refusing induction into the U.S. Armed Forces in April, 1967. Ali did not fight for three and a half years after that.*

Q: Are you any relation to Charley Goldman, the great trainer?

ERNEST CHRISTOFARO
Lake Charles, La.

A: *No.*

Q: Did Robert Q. Lewis ever box professionally? A lunch at Sardi's is at stake.

HARRY ACKERMAN
New York, N.Y.

A: *No.*

Q: Who has the best one-round kayo percentage of all-time?

SAMUEL LEOPOLD
Sharon, Pa.

A: *Jack Dempsey. He scored 25 first round knockouts in 78 total bouts for a first round kayo percentage of .3205.*

Q: Is Midget Wolgast in the Boxing Hall of Fame?

GEORGE S. KEELEY
Covington, Ky.

A: *No. He will be considered next year.*

Q: Did Kid Norfolk ever hold the world light heavyweight title?

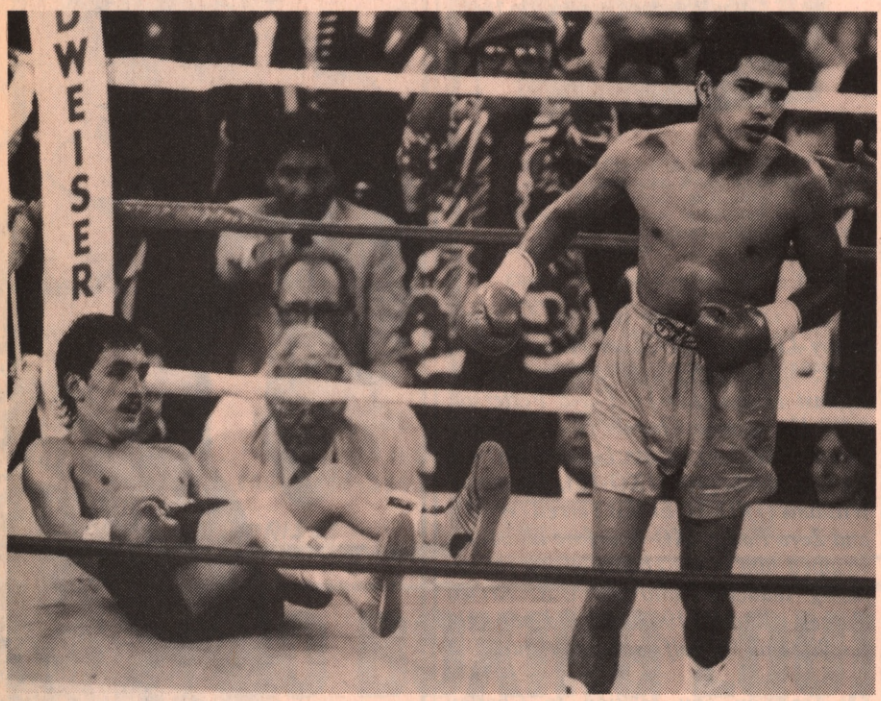
BENJAMIN JOHNSON
Philadelphia, Pa.

A: *Norfolk claimed the title after outpointing Billy Miske over 12 rounds in Boston on October 16, 1917. This was not a title bout, however, and Norfolk's claim was never recognized. (All main events in Boston were 12-rounders at the time.) Norfolk was a rough, tough banger many men avoided.* □

DUEL IN THE DESERT

Cruz Upsets McGuigan In Vegas Scorcher

by Jack Welsh



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Steve Cruz heads for a neutral corner after knocking down Barry McGuigan with a left hook to the head in the 10th round of their Las Vegas thriller.

FUNNY THING ABOUT THE FEMALE gender, it loves security — at any age. And it's going to take research of some longevity to find a better illustration than the 30 minutes after Stevie Cruz became World Boxing Association featherweight champion earlier this summer in Las Vegas.

The 22-year-old spoiler from Fort Worth, Texas no doubt delighted his bride, Terry Ann, while stunning the Sweet Science's old hands in the manner he tarnished the international image of Ireland's effervescent Barry McGuigan. Stevie also showed his wife he is a man of domestic responsibility. Cruz was reflecting how he took advantage of the golden opportunity against the 25-year-old McGuigan over 15 torrid rounds fought in a golden sunset where the temperature was 110 degrees inside the ring pitched over the tennis courts in Caesars Palace's parking lot.

Terry Ann Cruz, a comely brunette, was fashionably late for the post-fight analysis in the pavilion adjacent to a portable stadia where 10,200 spectators sat in on Top Rank's offering billed as "The Triple Hitter."

The petite Texas beauty turned more heads than just her husband's as she stepped onto the dais to take a seat next to David Gorman, the new 126-pound ruler's manager, and Joe Barrientes, his trainer. But first, Terry Ann ran to the waiting arms of her hero to render a kiss that promised much for the honeymoon that was yet to come.

"You won, honey, you won . . . you're the champion," exalted Mrs. Cruz, gasping for breath, but not losing poise that belied her non-nuptial status as a 15-year-old high school sophomore in Fort Worth, where Stevie always helped her with homework when he wasn't training.

Cruz, virtually unmarked except for a mini-lump under a bloodshot left eye, knew exactly the right words to push Terry Ann's buttons after four months as a defrocked benedict, especially on media queries about his future plans.

"We'll go back home and take a couple of weeks off for a Mexican vacation," Stevie informed as Terry Ann beamed. "Then I'm going back to work in Fort Worth where I'm an apprentice at the Rivera Plumbing Company. It gives me something to do when I'm not fighting and training. I only make $6.50 an hour, so you know I'm going to ask for a raise."

"Terry Ann understands how uncertain boxing is, and that I can't fight forever. Anyway, did you ever see the pay scale for a journeyman plumber? . . . it's around 25 bucks an hour. As for my next fight, I leave that up to David and Joe. When they name the opponent, I'll be ready."

Just how long this engaging young man with the Valentino complexion and toothpaste smile caters to the craft of good drainage is a thought for conjecture, but wherever and whenever Cruz next steps into a prize ring, the monetary escalation will be automatic, probably in the mid-six figures, and he won't have to ask for it.

Cruz only received $70,000, plus expenses, for a chance at the title, but it was still 10 times more than he had earned for any previous bout. Top Rank's reward to McGuigan for his third title defense was $260,000, but Stevie quickly got an education on what is possible with a world title. Barry is also managed by the Irish Permanent Building Society, a marketing firm in Dublin, and their promotional endeavors for this exercise raised his total payoff to $960,000.

And in a touch of irony, it was the challenger from the Southwest who entered the ring wearing a green robe and trunks, long the traditional hue of the Emerald Isle which had more than 3,000 native sons in attendance. The champion wore red with the white dove of peace embossed on the hem of his trunks.

From Cruz's standpoint, McGuigan's first title defense in America was a classic case of good timing . . . you know, right place, right time. Fates laid the cornerstone for McGuigan's undoing on a unanimous, eyelash decision when Argentina's Fernando Sosa, then the WBA's number one challenger, lost the shot as an ill-starred victim of double detached retinas while in training in Buenos Aires. Bob Arum, Top Rank's board chairman, was semi-frantic when he beckoned Gorman at his gym in Fort Worth, an aptly named fistic salon of "Super Pros," having spawned such quality stars as Donald Curry, undisputed world welterweight champion, and Gene Hatcher, who formerly ruled the WBA junior welters.

"Actually Bob had Mel Greb (Top Rank's western matchmaker) call me. I thought he might be kidding until he said it was $70,000 guaranteed, plus expenses for Stevie to fight McGuigan. Sosa had hurt his hand in February, and they called us, but we begged off because Cruz wouldn't have had enough time to train in just two weeks."

"This time it was a different story because Stevie was already training for a return match with Lenny Valdez (the only pro rival to beat him, March 24, 1984 in Las Vegas) in Fort Worth June 24 — one night after the Caesars date."

Naturally, Arum would like to promote a rematch, and Cruz's camp wouldn't oppose it, but the paper work on financial offerings may not come easy, even though the public's response should be highly positive once the fight is announced.

What Arum really had tucked away in his fertile brain was McGuigan in a mega-million dollar showdown with Azumah Nelson, the World Boxing Council feather counterpart from Ghana who defended his laurels 24 hours before Cruz's victory, stopping Danilo Cabrera in the 10th round in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Cruz should eventually get the rich chance, but he must first strengthen his championship stature with a couple of meaningful victories.

Of course, across the pond on the Emerald Isle, there's going to be some loud brogues yelling for an immediate rematch when his strategists decide McGuigan is psychologically and physically fit to seek vengeance for only his second loss in a 31-fight career. Since turning pro in 1981, Barry has battered 24 victims inside the distance, an explosion which created global constituents and inadvertently grabbed the attention of high-level politicos everywhere, as Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic showed a touch of togetherness in reaching for a beer rather than a bomb every time McGuigan went to work.

"I'm not that crazy about taking Stevie over to Ireland because of all the political unrest, but I won't say we won't go," Gorman hedged. "I have no problem with a rematch; it's just a matter of where. I think it's worth a million dollars for Stevie to go over there. We could also fight in England. Don't forget, McGuigan is just as popular there as he is in Ireland."

Arum and Gorman agreed Cruz might have another commitment before he can renew that great fistic acquaintance with the Clones Cyclone, a matchup that was virtually bell-to-bell action before the sleek Texan made a slick heist of McGuigan's cherished laurels by knocking him down twice in the 15th round. Stevie also sent the defending champ spinning to the canvas in the 10th round with a ferocious left hook that seemed to emanate from the ring floor.

"McGuigan's defense against Cruz was voluntary, and under WBA rules, Cruz, who was the number nine contender going in, inherits Barry's obligation," Arum explained. "And right now that's to meet Venezuela's Antonio Esparragoza, the number one challenger, within 90 days. McGuigan's people are asking for an immediate rematch. I don't think Cruz's connections would object to that, providing the fight was held in the United States."

Gorman, speaking only an hour after Cruz improved his credentials to 26-1 with 13kayos since turning pro in 1981, added:

"I haven't put any serious thought to it yet. I'm almost sure there will be a rematch with McGuigan, but it probably won't be in our next outing."

What was scheduled as a gala victory celebration for McGuigan and his idolators was transformed into a genuine Irish wake by a talented upstart named Stevie Cruz, once a national amateur champion who won 250 fights for ribbons and trophies. McGuigan, who has been artfully handled by Barney Eastwood, the most prominent legal bookmaker in Ireland, was a -$8.25 favorite with Cruz at +$5.25 less than 24 hours in Nevada's legalized betting shops, but a heavy swing in play had McGuigan down to -$4.50 and Cruz at +$2.50 before the first bell.

Patrick McGuigan, the father who was booked into Caesars' Olympic Lounge for a three-night gig, also took his tenor voice to mid-ring for a near-teary rendition of "Danny Boy" before the jet-paced featherweight title bout began.

It was a rugged disappointment for Barry McGuigan, a shaggy-haired, mustachioed athlete with deep-set, searching brown eyes which seem to reflect the strain of constant pocket wars in his native land, a Catholic-Protestant political tragedy reaching back nearly 700 years.

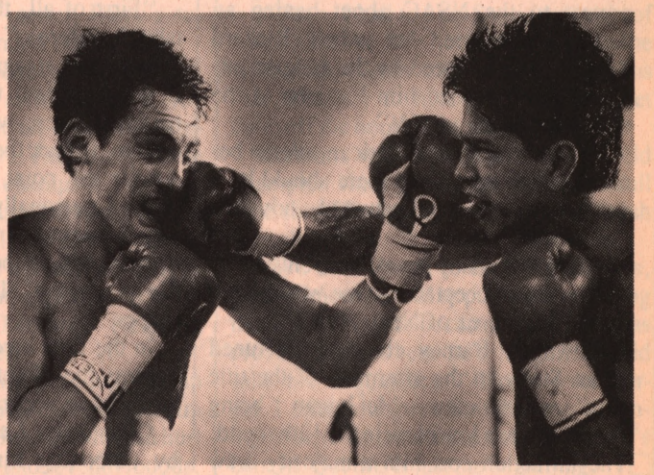
This young fist fighter, refreshingly shorn of any pretense other than an intense desire to excel, wanted to enhance his reputation on this side of the Atlantic. McGuigan gave his family and far-flung admirers some anxious moments when he was on the verge of collapse at the final bell. Had another 20 seconds remained as Cruz rifled home stinging combinations, the gallant Irishman would have been a knockout victim.

The beaten champion was a handful for trainer Eddie Shaw, and other seconds to get from the ring to his dressing room. Once seated, McGuigan complained of headaches and appeared to be disoriented. When he said he felt nausea, Dr. Flip Homasky ordered an ambulance to take the fighter to Valley Hospital as a precautionary measure. The Nevada State Athletic Commission physician also ordered ice packs for Barry's head and chest, and an I.V. tube was connected to his arm to replace body fluids.

Duane Ford, NSAC member, said the former champion "kept asking for his wife even when she was standing beside him."

"Barry was scared that if he went to sleep something would happen to him," Ford said. "The hospital was purely for an overnight observation and to receive a CAT scan. McGuigan kept saying, 'Duane, am I alright? Is my head okay?!"

Thankfully, all tests proved negative, and McGuigan was back at Caesars Palace the next afternoon for a poolside press conference. He may have lost his title, but not his sharp Irish wit.



Cruz distorts McGuigan's face with a powerful right cross during their featherweight war. Although the champion had the reputation as a big puncher, it was Cruz who landed the more telling blows throughout the fight.

PHOTO BY JAMES KENNEY

"They want me to come back for another CAT scan because they can't find my brain," Barry laughed. "If you ask my mother, Katie, if she wants me to retire, I can only say she's wanted me to retire since I was 11."

McGuigan later contended he "fought in the wrong time of the year in Las Vegas' desert," even though he had trained for five weeks at Palm Springs, California where he shared facilities at the Americana Canyon Hotel with Duran.

"We worked out every day in a circus tent with the flaps down, and the heat inside was at least well over 100. Duran said it was hotter than Panama," Barry informed. "I never did get use to the heat and I knew it from the start. I lost the fight, and I don't want to make any excuses. I must give Cruz credit because I knew he was a very tough fighter.

"I'm deeply disappointed for my supporters who came over from Ireland. I gave it everything I had. I've talked to my mother on the phone and she said everyone has come by the house and said that I'm still their champion. Right now I'm still very tired, and I want to take a long rest, and then I'll make a decision about boxing. I'm not sure."

Eastwood, who intimated any retirement plans would have to come directly from his protege, did not believe the heat was a factor considering the hard-hitting pace both fighters contributed.

"Barry was in the best shape I've ever seen him . . . actually perfect shape, and he was working on all cylinders. There was no weight problem, but we did have to fool around about 15 minutes for Barry to take off a quarter-pound to make the weight limit. I don't think the weight made any difference, and it would be a close fight anywhere."

Earlier, Eastwood had issued a strong protest to the NSAC about having an American referee, but when Richard Steele was announced for the assignment, the manager lauded him "as one of the three best in the world."

"I objected to an American referee because WBA rules state there should be a neutral referee," Eastwood advised. "However, Steele is great . . . I've watched him many times. The only other U.S. referee acceptable to me would have been Tony Perez of New York."

However, Barney changed his tuned about Steele in the aftermath of the title bout which saw McGuigan being penalized for a low blow in the 12th round. The infraction cost him a majority draw decision and his crown. Barry had led on two of three ballots going into the 15th round.

Judge Angel Tovar of Venezuela voted 143-142, Guy Jutras of Canada saw it 142-141, and Medardo Villalobos of Panama recorded 143-139, all for Cruz. *The Ring* had it 143-140 for the new champion.

Villalobos and Jutras were so impressed with Cruz's vicious assault in the finale that they both gave him a 10-7 for the round. It was particularly significant on Jutras' tally since he had McGuigan leading 134-132 after 14 rounds. It was a worthy evaluation on behalf of both judges.

Steele, a 15-year veteran with 36 world title bouts among his credits, explained his action on the penalty thusly:

"I was watching them very closely and kept telling Barry to 'keep 'em up', but I didn't take the point until he hit Cruz squarely on the cup and I could hear the crack," the Las Vegas referee said." You have to watch McGuigan's head a lot because he's a banger moving in. He probably hit Cruz low five, six times over the route, but Barry was hitting Stevie on the hips and thighs, and wasn't giving Cruz any punishment. You don't want to mess up a big fight with grazing punches landing, but not hurting anybody. What surprised me was that McGuigan got tired as fast as he did, and that Cruz had very little trouble hitting him."

Eastwood said he would leave a protest with the Nevada commission.

"I'm filing a protest against the referee because he took a point off McGuigan without warning him. I thought he should have warned Barry, but he didn't. I felt it was very unfair because the point made the difference."

Ford didn't put much stock in the manager's protest.

"First of all, they were not forced to take the referee," the commissioner said. "There was an agreement with the WBA. If we permitted them to bring in three neutral judges, we could use a Nevada referee. In fact, the WBA asked for Steele. As for the point deduction for the low blow, I personally feel it was well overdue. I counted nine low blows before the referee took the point. If Barney wants to file a protest, I thinks it's just sour grapes."

In the final media conference 72 hours before the fight, Cruz and Gorman emerged as accurate seers.

"Basically, I expect to keep Barry off by outboxing him," the swarthy challenger predicted. "I think I'm strong enough to hold my own against him. I can work inside and bang to the body pretty good. But ideally, it would be best for me to box his eyeballs out. Throw combinations and move and jab. That would be the smarter fight. Maybe sucker him in and fake him out. If I feel I'm running down, I'll dig down deep for that extra something. I want this real bad, and I'm going to prove it."

Gorman, who later admitted he made a substantial wager on his protege "when the odds were right," was quite confident.

"He'll be in McGuigan's face all night because this is too great an opportunity to pass up. Stevie's well-prepared thanks to Joe (Barrientes). Anybody who thinks Cruz is coming in here as a replacement for McGuigan to beat up on is in for a big surprise. This kid can fight and he's determined. We're ready to take McGuigan's title back to Texas."

The opening round was a chess match as McGuigan tried to press, while Cruz content to counter. Barry ran from his corner in second round, digging to the body and arching right handed hooks. Barry drew his warning from Steele as Stevie picked up the tempo with combinations. The Irish champion, using head feints, managed to back up Cruz in the fourth, and just at the bell, he landed a low shot which triggered Cruz to bop him high on his head.

Early in the sixth canto, the unruffled challenger, having taken McGuigan's booming rights unflinchingly, began to move. Barry dropped in a right, but Cruz countered with a long left and right which stunned McGuigan, making him hold at

New WBA featherweight champion Steve Cruz and his bride, Terry Ann, celebrate Steve's upset victory over Barry McGuigan.

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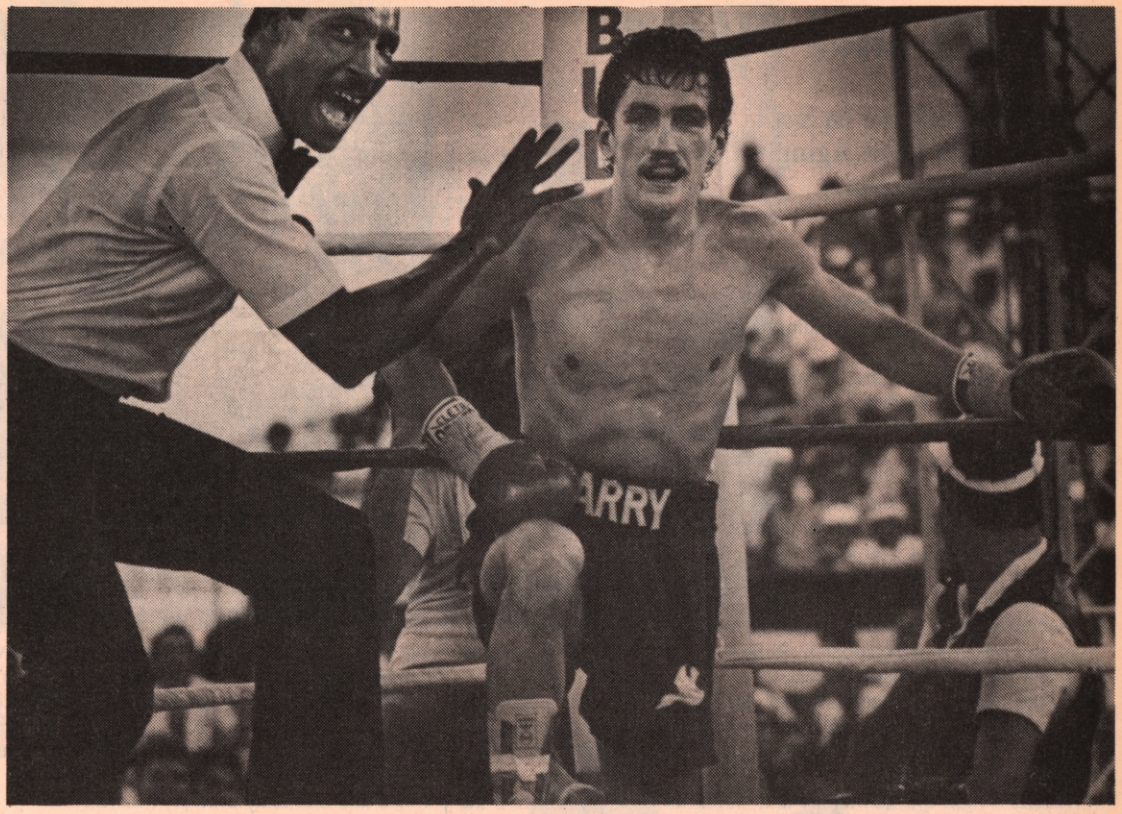

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His reign as the WBA featherweight champion is almost over as brave Barry McGuigan struggles to regain his feet following a 15th round knockdown.

mid-ring. Before the round ended, Cruz backed up the Clones wonder with a salvo of eight stinging punches. Barry's left eye was now cut.

Cruz's power was now surfacing, and the crowd roared as he again backed up McGuigan with combinations, the last of the string snapping Barry's head back. As the seventh wound down, McGuigan struck back, including two low shots on the hip which drew warnings.

Suddenly when it appeared the challenger was ready to dictate terms, he unexplainably became a reluctant dragon offensively as McGuigan drove home right after right. Stevie never tottered, but his left eye began to swell underneath before the bell for the ninth.

Cruz finally shed his lethargy, making it an even fight in the collective scoring midway through the 10th when he rattled McGuigan's jaw with a left hook that had a little dipsy-doodle in it. The champion nearly made orbit before dropping like an anvil in a neutral corner. McGuigan collected himself by the time Steele tolled "eight", and escaped from harm's way, ducking and swaying until the bell.

Barry's Irish songsters renewed their verve midway through the 12th with the chant, "Here We Go, Here We Go," but the champion, after being shaken by a left-right, finally raised Steele's ire, losing the point for a strike to Cruz's groin.

Just when it seemed that Cruz was coming and McGuigan going, Barry, visibly tiring on unsteady legs, showed what super heart can do, winning the 13th and 14th rounds on all cards. But it was McGuigan's last hurrah.

With his cornermen waving frantically to "press, press, press", Cruz heard the crowd explode as the final three minutes arrived. Now it was the contender from the Lone Star state throwing those big right hands. He hurt Barry with two rights. Stevie delivered a seven-punch volley to the head, plus a right that sent McGuigan sliding down the ropes in a neutral corner. Again at the "eight" count, Barry's supreme courage demanded that he rise.

Disoriented and wobbly afoot, Barry, drawn and bleeding, reeled under a left-left-right-left to the head, and then dropped in Cruz's corner. This time Steele peered deeply in the champion's eyes as he counted. When Barry managed to pull himself upright, Steele let him continue. Desperate to finish on his feet, McGuigan grabbed Cruz with a stranglehold in order to survive the final 30 seconds. He could hardly stand at the bell.

In the post-mortems, Cruz couldn't help but smile when a British scribe asked him about the strange letdown after he had hurt McGuigan in the sixth and seventh rounds.

"I'll admit I have a tendency to stun an opponent, and then start of back off. I guess I worry about punching myself out," Stevie admitted. "I knew Barry was a great fighter and a great champion who gets tougher as the fight goes on. Funny, but I felt a little tired early when the sun was on my back mostly in the ring, and on my face when I sat in my corner. Even my feet felt like they were on fire in the ring early. And don't forget I've never gone 15 rounds before."

Barrientes, a pleasant man of ample girth, admitted to physical action between rounds to renew Cruz's attitude for the vigorous.

"Yeah, I had to slap Stevie a couple of times after the way he went to town in the sixth and seventh rounds because he has that tendency to hurt guys and then let them off the hook," the trainer declared.

Gorman, who now has a third world champion since giving the business a full time shot 10 years ago, admitted the finish was close.

"We didn't want to take any chances, but we knew we had to pull out everything in the later rounds because McGuigan has proven that's where he's tough," David told his inquisitors. "Don't ever forget I told you guys Stevie wasn't coming in here as dead meat for McGuigan's benefit. But this is just the beginning." □

DURAN'S LAST STAND?

Sims Unimpressive In Split Decision Win Over Aging Panamanian Legend

PAT AND GOODY PETRONELLI DELIVERED SOME BOLD STROKES for a few days before Robbie Sims faced Roberto Duran last June at Caesars Palace.

Boxing's brother duo out of Brockton, Massachusetts, who patiently guided Marvelous Marvin Hagler to the pinnacle of his profession, declared the 25-year-old Sims was "the next middleweight champion of the world."

Appropriate flattery, indeed, for Hagler's half-brother, who is determined to make it on his own without any reference to bloodlines. However, the 35-year-old Duran didn't do anything for Robbie's ego in the middle bout of Top Rank's Triple Hitter.

Sims, 10 years Duran's junior, looked a loser rather than a winner of a 10-round split decision. The verdict did little to enhance his position as an international contender, nor his stature as the United States Boxing Association 160-pound champion. Robbie won the battle, but just might have lost the war for fistic respect.

Robbie's eyes were badly swollen and he bled from the nose after tedious warfare against the legendary former triple world champion from Panama, but an exhausted Duran, a shell of the glory days, did not escape unscathed either.

Roberto's right eye was lumpy and bloodshot, and he bled from the nose and was cut inside the lip. But the apathetic look in those once smoldering black eyes seemed to tell the story.

Speaking with manager Luis Spada as translator, Duran declared: "If the people, if the press want me to come back, I come back. If you like to see Duran fight, Duran will fight. Sims doesn't compare with Marvin Hagler. He's a strong guy, but that's all. Sure, I'd fight him again, why not?"

Duran and Spada were irritated when the official scoring was announced, especially since one point was deducted by referee Mills Lane of Reno for a low blow in the eighth round.

"Duran had hit Sims low a couple of times before that, and I told him if he did it again, I was going to take a point away," Mills, a District Attorney in Washoe County, explained. "Roberto hit him in the cup so hard, I heard the crack. Seconds later, Sims had his arm on Duran's shoulder, and threw him to the floor."

The point deduction was vital on judge Jerry Roth's card, who had Sims the winner, 95-94, while Bill Graham saw it for Sims 97-92. Art Lurie tabbed it 96-94 for Duran, later explaining, "Sims threw more punches, but Duran definitely landed the harder blows."

Sims, 159¼, improved his ledger to 27-4-1, 19 kayoes. Duran, who was a 13-year veteran before his rival ever turned pro in 1980, still carries an awesome 79-6, 59 kayoes record, five of the losses coming in the twilight of his greatness. Both fighters earned $100,000.

It was a punishing duel with much of action on the inside, an area with no charm for Sims. "I couldn't box him, I had to stay inside, and that's not my style. Remember, I'm a boxer. Duran didn't intimidate me in this fight. Roberto tried everything, but he didn't intimidate me."

The New Englander, who apparently has an upcoming date with James Kinchen, the No. 2 contender out of San Diego, California, got off to a quick start, winning four of the first five rounds on two judges' cards. Sims wobbled Duran in the fourth with his short combinations, and the ex-champion tottered back to his corner at the bell.

But the unflagging spirit of the one-time Manos de Piedra wouldn't buy it, and Duran turned on the offensive to stagger Sims in the sixth. Roberto's biggest problem in the early rounds was the mystery of Sims alternating between a southpaw and right-handed attack.

The victory was still possible for Duran at the start of the final round,

PHOTO BY JAMES KENNEY

Robbie Sims (left) and Roberto Duran go head-to-head during their 10 round middleweight bout. Sims edged the former triple champion via a close split decision.

and he quickly scored with three hard lefts and a right to the head. The house roared as Sims clinched, but to his credit, Robbie came back to save the squeaker. He drove Duran into the ropes with long combinations and then snapped Roberto's head back and over the ropes with right hands just before the bell.

"We expected a tough fight and that's what we got. We didn't underestimate Duran," Sims reviewed. "I felt like I fought a good fight. No, my nose (swelling) is not broken, just sore. Duran did catch me with some good shots. Duran fought one of the best men in the world and that's my brother, Marvin.

"I don't pay any attention to the judges anymore. I'm not knocking the judges. I'm just saying I'm out there fighting . . . throwing punches is the name of the game."

Pat Petronelli added: "Duran fooled us the first time (when he went 15 rounds in losing a title decision to Hagler in 1983 at Caesars Palace), but we didn't want him to fool us this time. Roberto is very tricky. As a lightweight, I felt he was the greatest of all time, but as a middleweight, he's past his prime in a brilliant career."

Duran and Spada don't buy the official decision.

"Roberto feels like he won the fight. Before the referee said anything to him, he took away the point," Spada said. "That was a very important point in this fight. We'll respect the decision of the judges, but I don't believe anybody in the stadium believes that Robbie Sims won the fight on points. Yes, the loss affects his career because Duran needed this fight for another title chance."

Spada, who several weeks earlier took Venezuela's Bernardo Pinango to a 15 round upset victory over Gaby Canizales for the WBA bantamweight crown in New Jersey's Meadowlands, has always been a man of concern for Duran's welfare.

"Roberto thinks he can be champion again," the Panama City-based manager advised. "I don't know if Roberto wants to retire now, it's up to him. I won't tell him, but if he asked me for an opinion, I'd tell him to quit now. He's done it all."

One of the best examples in defining the enduring mystique of Roberto Duran comes from Billy Baxter, a world-class Las Vegas gambler in all sports who also manages former WBA junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather, among other fighters.

"I liked Duran when I first heard about the fight. Still, I wanted a closer look . . . I wanted to look into his eyes," Baxter said. "I went to the last press conference, and took a seat up close so I could see his eyes. A lot of washed-up fighters have that slightly vacant stare."

"Not Duran. There was a sparkle in his eyes. He looked good to me physically, and that was enough for me. In his prime, he's maybe the best fighter in the past 15 or 20 years, so I figure he's got enough left to beat Sims, who, to me, is not a top line middleweight."

Billy was more than talk. He bet $45,000 on Duran, and he's never even been to Panama. —Jack Welsh □

Referee Richard Steele steers Steve Cruz to a neutral corner after the little Texan dropped Barry McGuigan on his way to an upset decision and the WBA featherweight title.

McGuigan and Cruz (right) trade punches during the early going of their grueling battle, fought in temperatures of over 110 degrees.

color photography
by Neil Scott

Robbie Sims (right) attacks the legendary Roberto Duran en route to a split decision victory. Duran showed flashes of his old form, but Sims rallied in the final round to earn the nod.

The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Trevor Berbick**** ..... Canada
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyandotte, Mich.
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
7. **Frank Bruno** ..... England
8. **James (Buster) Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
10. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. David Bey 12. Marvis Frazier 13. James Broad 14. Tyrell Biggs 15. Mike Tyson 16. Tony Tucker 17.Gerry Cooney 18. Mark Wills 19. Mitchell Green 20. Greg Page.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DeLEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Lee Roy Murphy☆** ..... Chicago, Ill.
3. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
4. **Bernard Benton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
6. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
7. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
8. **Bert Cooper** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Ricky Parkey** ..... Morristown, Tenn.

11. Henry Tillman 12. Bashiru Ali 13. Stanley Ross 14. Boone Pultz 15. Dorcey Gaymon 16. Chisanda Mutti 17. Anthony Davis 18. Jose Maria Flores 19. Michael Greer 20. Pierre Coetzer.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson*** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Slobodan Kacar☆** ..... Yugoslavia
3. **Dennis Andries**** ..... England
4. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
5. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
6. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Prince Mama Mohammed** ..... Ghana
8. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
9. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
10. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad

11. Grady Smith 12. Everett Martin 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Arthel Lawhorn 15. Charles Williams 16. Kelvin Kelly 17. Marvin Mack 18. Freddie Guzman 19. Grover Robinson 20. David Sears.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* ** ☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
4. **Herol Graham** ..... England
5. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
6. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
7. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
8. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
9. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada

11. Chong-Pal Park 12. Michael Nunn 13. Iran Barkley 14. Charlie Boston 15. John Collins 16. Curtis Parker 17. Kevin Watts 18. Charles Carter 19. Dwight Davison 20. Troy Darrell.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Buster Drayton☆** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada
5. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
6. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
7. **Carlos Santos** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.

11. David Braxton 12. Darnell Knox 13. Ramon Ramos 14. Robert Hines 15. In-Chul Baek 16. Duane Thomas 17. Lupe Aquino 18. Francisco DeJesus 19. Saad Skouma 20. Elio Diaz.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DONALD CURRY* ** ☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
3. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
4. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
6. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
7. **Mark Breland** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **Manning Galloway** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
10. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Detroit, Mich.

11. Horace Shufford 12. Jun-Sok Hwang 13. Seung-Soon Lee 14. John Munduga 15. Sylvester Mittee 16. Vincent Pettway 17. Eduardo Batista 18. Shawn O'Sullivan 19. Troy Wortham 20. Judas Clottey.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Patrizio Oliva*** ..... Italy
2. **Rene Arredondo**** ..... Mexico
3. **Lonnie Smith** ..... Denver, Colo.
4. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
5. **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
6. **Gary Hinton☆** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
8. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
9. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico
10. **Joe Louis Manley** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.

11. James (Buddy) McGirt 12. Harold Brazier 13. Gene Hatcher 14. Reyes Cruz 15. Hugo Hernandez 16. Tomas Molinares 17. Saoul Mamby 18. John Meekins 19. Kyung-Duk Ahn 20. Vinnie Pazienza.

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Ratings as of July 6, 1986

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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. Fred Pendleton 12. Frankie Randall 13. Pernell Whitaker 14. Greg Haugen 15. Cubanito Perez 16. Edwin Curet 17. Jesus Romero 18. Tony Willis 19. Nelson Bolanos 20. Miguel Santana.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFREDO LAYNE* ..... Panama
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Barry Michael☆** ..... Australia
6. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
7. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Ind.
8. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
9. **Lester Ellis** ..... Australia
10. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.

11. Najib Daho 12. Jean-Marc Renard 13. John Sichula 14. Oscar Bejines 15. Rafael Solis 16. Raphe Sims 17. Mario Miranda 18. Sung-Yun Kim 19. Francisco Fernandez 20. Anthony English.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

STEVE CRUZ* ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
3. **Ki-Yung Chung☆** ..... Korea
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
6. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
7. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit Mich.
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Antonio Esparragoza** ..... Venezuela
10. **Jose Marmolejos** ..... Panama

11. Min-Keun Oh 12. Refugio Rojas 13. Joe Ruelas 14. Antonio Rivera 15. Jose Mario Lopez 16. Hector Lopez 17. Tyrone Jackson 18. Antonio de la Paz 19. Lupe Suarez 20. Javier Marquez.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
8. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
9. **Ramon Dominguez** ..... Argentina
10. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas

11. Daniel Blanco 12. Tommy Valoy 13. Ji-Won Kim 14. Louie Espinoza 15. Yun-Kap Choi 16. Jorge Ramirez 17. George Garcia 18. Jesus Salud 19. Oscar Muniz 20. Jesse Benavides.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARDO PINANGO* ..... Venezuela
1. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
2. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Jiro Wantanabe** ..... Japan
5. **Jeff Fenech☆** ..... Australia
6. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
7. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
8. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
9. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
10. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico

11. Cesar Polanco 12. Freddie Jackson 13. Frankie Duarte 14. Antonio Avelar 15. Wilfredo Vasquez 16. Jerome Coffee 17. Hurley Snead 18. Elly Pical 19. Santos Laciar 20. Sugar Baby Rojas.

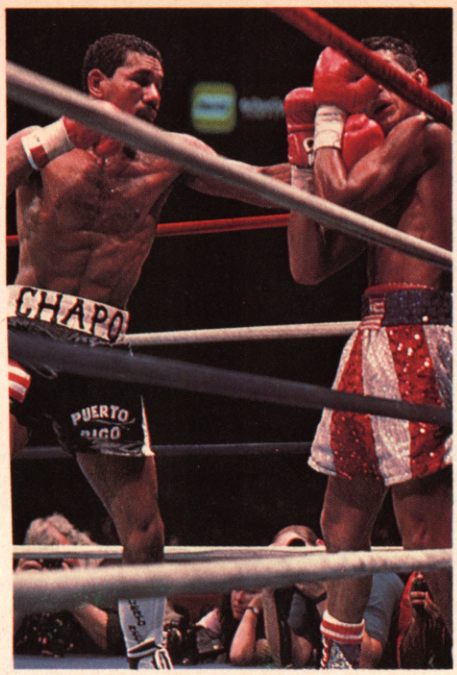
FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
3. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
8. **Jorge Cano** ..... Mexico
9. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
10. **Benedicto Murillo** ..... Panama

11. Jose DeJesus 12. Hi-Sup Shin 13. Javier Lucas 14. Francisco Montiel 15. Rafael Caban 16. Fidel Bassa 17. Eduardo Tunon 18. Rodolfo Blanco 19. Duke McKenzie 20. Rafael Cabrera.

CAMACHO'S GREAT ESCAPE

Quick Rematch Unlikey for Rosario

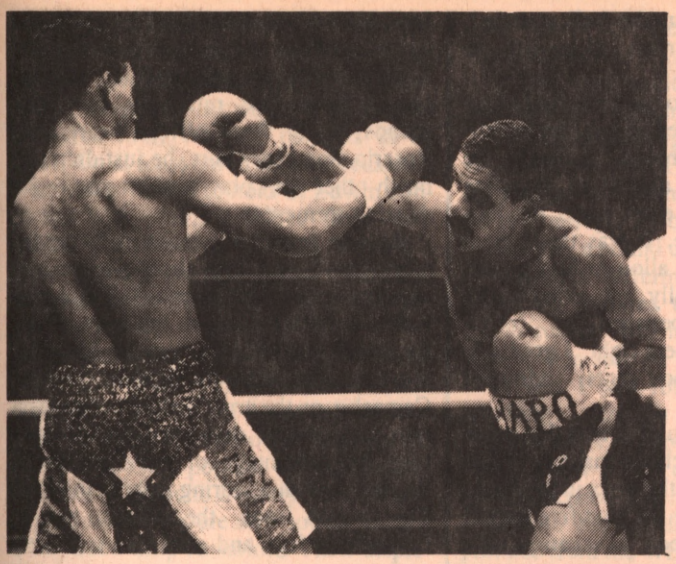


Camacho-Rosario color action by Jack Goodman/DKP

Challenger Edwin Rosario (left) pins the "Macho Man" in a corner and tags him with a left hook to the head. Camacho was hit more during his Madison Square Garden rumble with Rosario than in all his other fights put together.

On the ropes! Rosario had Camacho covering up and in trouble on a number of occasions during their controversial 12-rounder for the WBC lightweight title, but couldn't put Hector on the floor.

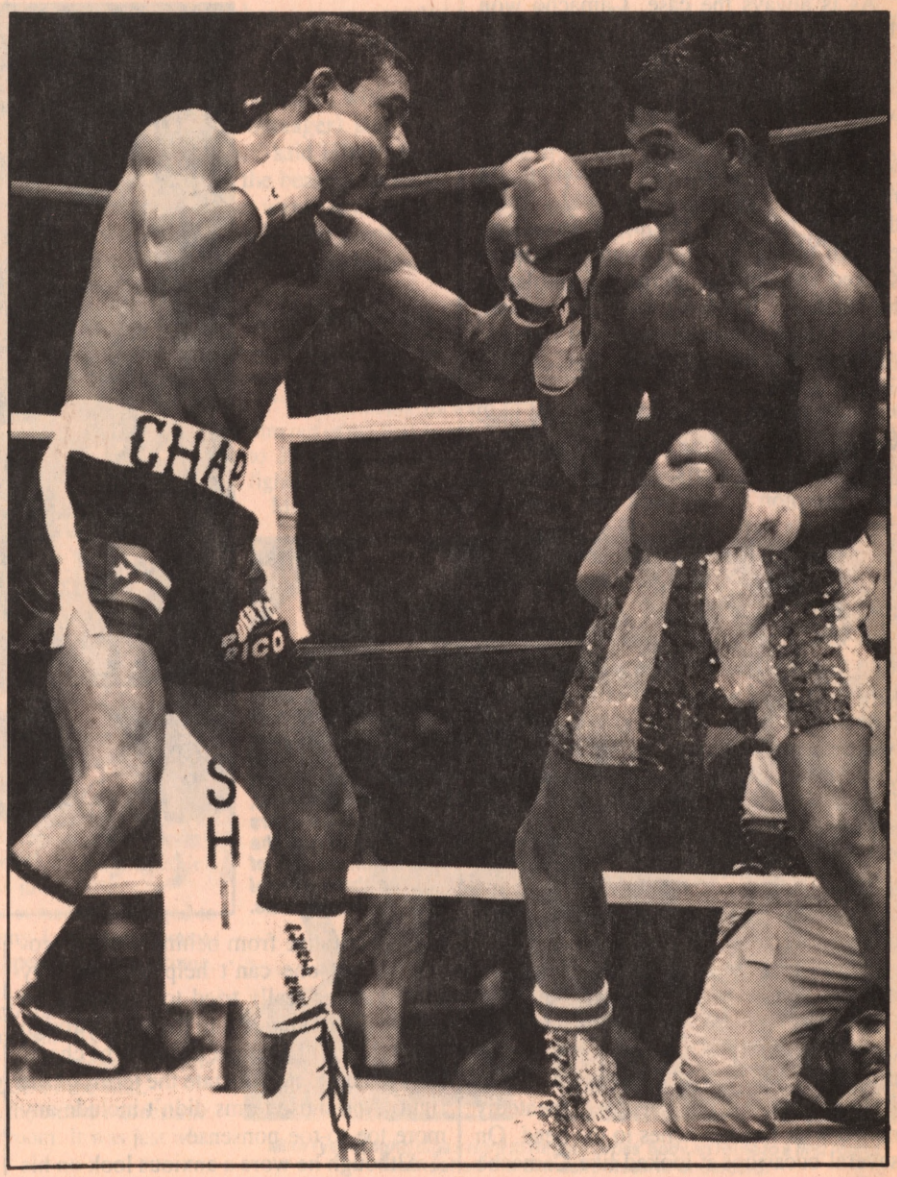
Although Camacho (left) had the flashier boxing trunks, it was Rosario who landed the big punches, winning the cheers of the fans . . . but not the vote of the judges.



Former WBC lightweight champion Edwin Rosario (right) fires a right at the head of Hector Camacho during his bid to regain his old title from Hector Camacho at Madison Square Garden.

by Nigel Collins

Although Rosario (left) landed frequently with his right, was short left hooks like this one that hurt Camacho in the fifth and 11th rounds.



NEW YORK, N.Y. — THE BOOS WERE still ringing in his ears when Hector Camacho sat down to face the press following his controversial split decision victory over Edwin Rosario. He was wearing a cardboard Uncle Sam hat and the petulant look of a schoolboy who'd just had his fun spoiled by the truant officer. Rivulets of sweat rolled down Hector's handsome face, stinging as they trickled into the inch long cut Rosario's slashing fists had carved into his left eyelid.

"This should answer your question if I can take a punch, or not," Camacho began, his brown eyes darting from one inquisitor to another as he spoke in short, choppy sentences. "I handled some good shots. I was in condition. I beat the best guy in my division. I wasn't the judge. I did the best I could. I even got cut in my eye. I kept to my fight plan. I outpointed him. We were the best two (lightweights) in Puerto Rico. And the Macho Man is number one."

Anyway, that was Camacho's capsule version of what had taken place only minutes before inside the ring at Madison Square Garden. However, many of the Garden's 10,615 live customers and the millions of subscribers who watched the match on Home Box Office saw something entirely different. They saw the erstwhile Macho Man get his butt kicked. In the opinion of most observers, Camacho got the decision while Rosario got the shaft.

But regardless of one's view of the official verdict, it was obvious that Camacho is far from the invincible force many admirers thought he was. For the first time in his professional career, the "Rose of Spanish Harlem" came out of a fight smel-

ling like skunkweed. The previously untouchable darling of the glitter set had been both bloodied and battered, his title saved by a pair of judges who apparently paid more attention to Hector's superficial sleight of hand than the substantial punching of Rosario.

The Rosario defense was supposed to be Camacho's triumphant return to his hometown. Although the two-time world champion was developed at the Felt Forum (the Garden's basement mini-arena), he had not fought in the Big Apple since 1982, when Louis Loy went bye-bye in seven. During the pre-fight hype, Hector had christened New York City "Macho Country," and while it is true he entered the ring the crowd's favorite, by the time the fracas was over, many had switched their allegiance.

As is always the case, Camacho won the sartorial contest hands down. His besequined entrance was truly dazzling, but once the fight began, his $10,000 robe wasn't worth a plug nickle.

Camacho won the opening skirmishes well enough, gracefully retreating for most of the opening round, and coming down off his toes a couple of times long enough to dig in a left counter. Rosario stalked and studied, perhaps formulating his strategy. It wasn't until the second, when Edwin landed three decent rights to the head, that we saw subtle signs of what was to come.

The third was close and relatively uneventful, but late in the fourth, Rosario tagged Hector with a crisp right that snapped the champion's head back and opened a cut on his left eyelid. His composure momentarily shaken, Camacho lashed out with a low blow that drew a warning from referee Arthur Mercante.

It was a far more aggressive Camacho who opened the fifth with a rush, finding Rosario's head with a pair of flashy combinations as the round got underway. Maybe he wanted to reestablish his authority after being cut, but whatever the case, Hector's boldness left him vulnerable to a jarring right-left. The combination sent the Macho Man stubbling backwards on unsteady legs. For the first time in his professional career, Camacho was in serious trouble.

Rosario stayed right on top of his foe, driving home telling head blows as Camacho beat a hasty and somewhat disorganized retreat. After seeing him breeze through so many fights unscathed, it was a revelation to see Hector repeatedly nailed with flush punches to the head. On several occasions it looked like Camacho might fall, but when the bell sounded, ending the toughest round of his life, he was still on his feet.

Although Camacho had been rocked repeatedly and staggered several times during Rosario's fifth round onslaught, he always kept his wits about him, knowing what he should do even when his legs refused to cooperate. It was these great boxing instincts that allowed him to survive where practically any other lightweight would have perished.

"It was my toughest fight. I got hammered with some good shots," admitted Hector.

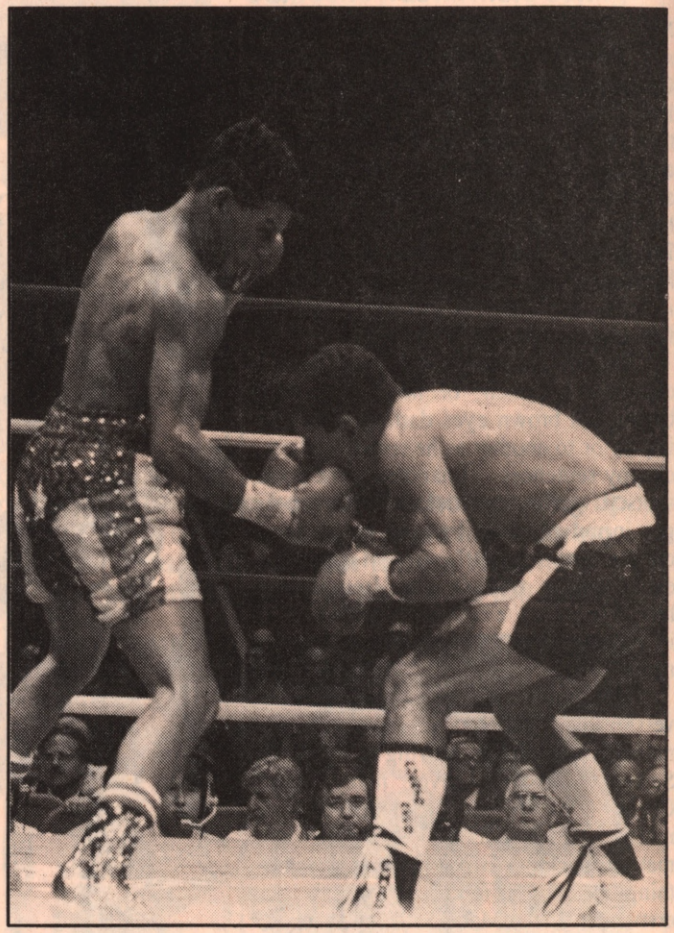
Then came the turn of events that made it possible for Camacho to make it "close enough to steal," as the boys in the backroom like to say. For the next five rounds Rosario's offense took a vacation. It's easy to criticize from behind a word processor, but one can't help wonder why Edwin never really tried to capitalize on his big fifth round. From the sixth through the 10th, the challenger allowed the champion to completely dictate the terms of the fight. And those terms didn't include any more toe-to-toe nonsense.

Although he wore a anxious look on his face, Hector's thoroughbred legs kept him out of trouble and in position to catch Rosario with enough counter lefts to sweep those five relatively pedestrian rounds on all three official scorecards. Rosario was never hurt, he just didn't do much other than play straight man to his dancing tormentor.

Rosario must have realized he needed a big finish, and with about a minute remaining in the 11th he reached Camacho with a solid left hook to the head. Then, for some inexplicable reason, Mercante moved in to seperate the fighters, touching Camacho on the arm. Hector's concentration was briefly distracted and Rosario took full advantage of the opportunity, leaping in with a searing right to the chin. The punch took the starch out of Camacho's legs and sent him stumbling backwards across the ring.

When Rosario closed for the kill, the stricken champion wisely grabbed and held, gaining precious seconds to clear his head. The round was running down, but Rosario scored with a left and two more rights before the bell brought Camacho welcome relief.

Camacho was too popped to think about



The "Macho Man" catches Rosario with a right to the jaw. Although it was Rosario who landed the big bombs, Camacho's counters earned him the decision on two of the three official scorecards.

PHOTO BY JACK GOLDMAN

staging a grandstand finish, if, indeed, he thought he needed one to retain his WBC belt. He spent the entire final round desperately struggling for survival as Rosario tore after him, winging punches as he came. On at least half a dozen occasions, Hector was forced to hold as Edwin connected with sharp punches from both hands. When the final bell rang, Rosario's camp seemed confident their man had pulled an upset. Needless to say, their joy was short lived.

The reading of the official decision by ring announcer Frank Shain was hopelessly garbled, but it was still obvious to the fans that Camacho had retained his title. It was not a popular decision, many residents of "Macho Country" had clearly jumped ship and were now solidly aboard "The Good Ship Rosario." Their displeasure poured down on Camacho in a tidal wave of boos, while those still loyal to the bloodied champion celebrated halfheartedly.

An informal poll of ringsiders revealed that most felt Rosario had done more than enough to win. *The Ring* agreed, scoring the match for Edwin, 115-113. However, on the only cards which really counted, Camacho came up a winner. Judges Stuart Kirshenbaum and Tony Castellano both scored it for Camacho, 115-113. Judge Luis Rivera cast the dissenting ballot for Rosario, 114-113.

It had been a close encounter of the hairiest kind, as even Hector had to admit.

"He (Rosario) might have won this kind of decision in Puerto Rico," said Camacho, who remained unbeaten after 30 pro outings, 16 by knockout.

Rosario, a pound up at 135, fell to 23-2 (19 kayoes), suffering his first loss since Jose Luis Ramirez took his belt with a fourth round TKO in 1984. Needless to say, he was sure he had won.

"I feel I was robbed," said Edwin, speaking through his interpretor. "Camacho is a good fighter. Nevertheless, I know I won even though I didn't get the decision. I'm happy with myself."

Despite his excellent showing and a promise from the WBC brass that Rosario will retain his number one contender status, the chances for a quick rematch seem remote.

"I've had conversations with Jim Jacobs (Rosario's co-manager) and Don King about a rematch," said HBO's Seth Abraham. "But after the beating he took, I don't think Camacho wants Rosario for his next defense. I think Hector wants time to put his face back together. Maybe sometime down the road."

It could be Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Terrence Alli, or even Livingstone Bramble. But regardless of who gets the next crack at Camacho, HBO will carry the match. Abraham told *The Ring* that the bout drew unusually high ratings for a lightweight fight. The Macho Man may have lost some of his lustre, but he's still the man who generates the big bucks in the lightweight division. For this one, he pulled down a purse of approximately $600,000, compared to a reported $150,000 for Rosario.

While Camacho proved far from unbeatable against Rosario, he showed plenty of spunk, digging down deep when he had to, escaping with both his hide and championship. From that point of view his evening has to be considered a success. Hector certainly thinks so, anyway.

"Don't start breaking me. I'm the idol from Puerto Rico, I want to be the idol of America," barked Camacho in response to a critical question from a member of the print media. "Give me some credit. I just beat the best man in the division. I come from the ghetto. I take care of my family. I take care of my son. I try to please the people. Give me a little credit, man. Hey, I'm the next Ray Leonard."

The Macho Man's image may have taken a beating, but his ego is still intact. □

TYSON REGAINS KAYO TOUCH

Reggie Gross Goes Out In One On Camacho-Rosario Undercard

AFTER A SHORT, TWO-FIGHT DROUGHT, MIKE TYSON RETURNED to the kayo column with a first round blitz of Baltimore's Reggie Gross. The unbeaten heavyweight sensation was out to prove a point and did so, unceremoniously blasting Gross into oblivion with a two-fisted attack. Unlike Mike's last opponent (Mitch Green), Gross came to fight. Unfortunately for Reggie, it was his undoing.

After allowing Tyson to chase him for most of the first two minutes, Gross stopped dead in his tracks and fired a burst of punches. Caught by surprise, Tyson fielded a couple of shots and then went into an exaggerated bobbing-and-weaving routine, causing Gross to miss maybe a dozen punches in a row. Just as the crowd was responding to Tyson's defensive manoeuvers, Mike came out of his crouch with a wicked left hook that nailed Gross square on the side of his jaw.

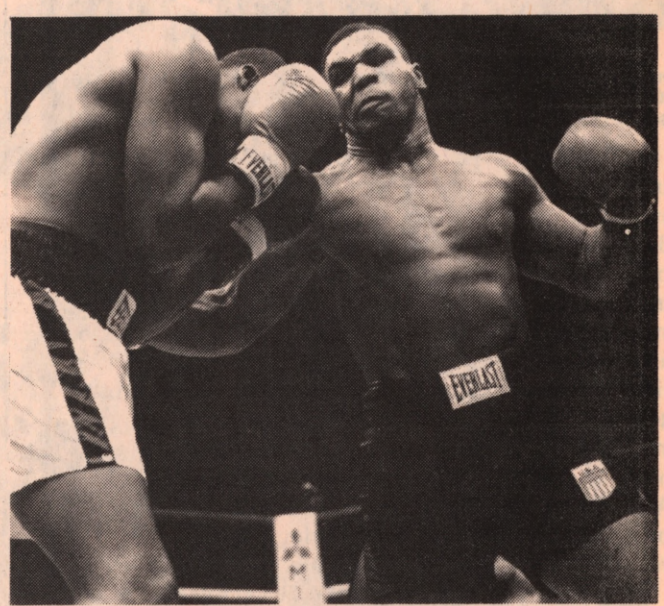
Gross, 218, went down hard on his back, but somehow managed to pull himself erect in time to beat referee Johnny LoBianco's count. Reggie, glassy-eyed and unsteady, was unwisely permitted to continue, and Mike charged in for the finish.

Tyson, 217, wasted no time completing the job, punctuating a flurry with another left hook that sent his victim down again. As Reggie sank to the canvas, Mike added one last shot for good measure before LoBianco could jump in and stop the fight at 2:36 of the first.

Despite Gross' spotty 18-5 (12 kayoes) record, the crowd was ecstatic, cheering Tyson all the way back to the dressing room. It was just what he'd been hoping for.

"I was looking forward to fighting him because I wanted to knock him out in the first round," said Tyson after running his unbeaten streak to 22-0 with 20 knockouts. "People were talking after the last two fights, and tonight I wanted to prove that I could still knock people out."

Mission accomplished. □



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Mike Tyson (right) digs a right to Reggie Gross' body en route to a first round knockout on the Camacho-Rosario undercard.

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Steve Cruz enjoys his moment of glory after beating Barry McGuigan for the WBA featherweight title in Las Vegas. Cruz's upset victory earned him THE RING'S Fighter of the Month honors.

It's not often that a late substitute comes in and upsets a world champion. But that's exactly what **Steve Cruz** did, scoring a unanimous 15 round decision over Barry McGuigan for the WBA featherweight title in Las Vegas. The startling victory also earned Cruz *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month honors.

In another upset, Philadelphia's **Smokin' Bert Cooper** stunned 1984 Olympic heavyweight champion, Henry Tillman, taking the NABF cruiserweight title with a 12 round unanimous decision in Atlantic City. Tillman, undefeated going into the match, was the first gold medalist from the '84 Los Angeles Games to suffer a professional defeat. Cooper's big win was good enough to garner him this month's runner-up spot.

A pair of honorable mentions go to welterweight **Simon Brown** and lightweight **Edwin Rosario.** Brown journeyed to Toronto where he handed Canadian hero Shawn O'Sullivan his first pro defeat, stopping the local favorite in the third. Rosario lost a controversial 12-round split decision to Hector Camacho in bid for the WBC lightweight crown, but gave the "Macho Mano" all the fight he could handle. □

HEARNS-MEDAL

WBC Super Welterweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.,—Thomas Hearns had every right to be embarrassed the last time he came to Caesars Palace as a workman.

The 27-year-old Hit Man from Detroit was being paid $900,000 by Top Rank to defend his World Boxing Council super welterweight crown against unsung Mark Medal — his first title risking in 21 months.

Such a purse was staggering when you consider Hearns was coming back to the Valley of the Dollars for what was little more than a cameo appearance on promoter Bob Arum's Three Hitter.

What really grabbed the public's imagination was the first appearance of Ireland's Barry McGuigan in America as World Boxing Association featherweight champion against Stevie Cruz, and, of course, the magic of Roberto Duran's name on the marquee against Robbie Sims, the United States Boxing Association middleweight champion.

By the time Hearns got into the ring as the final major offering, he was in a no-win position. Cruz, the pride of Fort Worth, Texas, had upset McGuigan for the crown, and Duran, almost a relic of his old brilliance, extended Sims before losing a controversial split 10-round decision.

Hearns, 154, made things worse when he needed eight rounds to get a mismatched Medal out of there after having the former International Boxing Federation 154-pound champion on the verge of a knockout in the opening heat of a scheduled 12.

The match was practically an "out" fight with Nevada's legalized bookmakers from the moment it was announced last spring. Hearns finally closed as the choice where admirers had to bet $12 for every buck they wanted to win. Anybody who felt the 28-year-old Medal from Jersey City, N.J., had any kind of a chance could collect $8.00 for every dollar wagered.

An extra betting proposition was that the public could lay $1.20 to win a dollar that the fight would or wouldn't go a four full rounds.

Hearns might have used an excuse that Marvelous Marvin Hagler didn't show up as the reason for such a drab effort, but he didn't. The world middleweight champion was scheduled to fly in from Brockton, Mass., to serve as a color commentator on closed circuit TV, and follow up the next day with an announcement as to whether he would fight Hearns for Sugar Ray Leonard in November.

Everything was cancelled when Hagler came down with a flu virus and was ordered not to fly "for a few days because of a fever," the diagnosis coming from Dr. Louis Abdu, Marvin's personal physician. The cancellation seemed legitimate, considering Hagler had earlier assured Sims, his half-brother, he would be there for his fight with Duran.

Hearns, however, did offer an excuse for a performance that left ringsiders delivering catcalls at the end of every

round. It was a familiar refrain — his right hand.

For the umpteenth time, Hearns appeared to have injured his most potent weapon, and this time, according to the champion, "it happened in the second round."

Considering the way Hearns shelled Medal in the opening three minutes, Thomas' offering is valid. The challenger took punishment, without being able to counter, that was almost obscene — even for a $75,000 payday.

The WBC title holder came out blazing, just the way Medal's manager, Eddie Allen, had predicted. After searing combinations to the head and body, Hearns dropped Medal to one knee with a straight right. Once upright, the gutty transplanted Puerto Rican was hurt again when he took shots to the ribs that should have caved them in. Desperately, Medal clung to Hearns at mid-ring.

Thomas shrugged him away and fired another left-right that flung Medal into the ropes. Mark was repeatedly trying to avoid the champion's jab from a crouch and Thomas was deadly accurate. Just before the bell, Hearns ripped the pretender with a left-right to the head and body, but Medal managed to stay up on spaghetti legs. Going back to his corner, Medal's left eye was beginning to swell, and, ultimately, that would be the key.

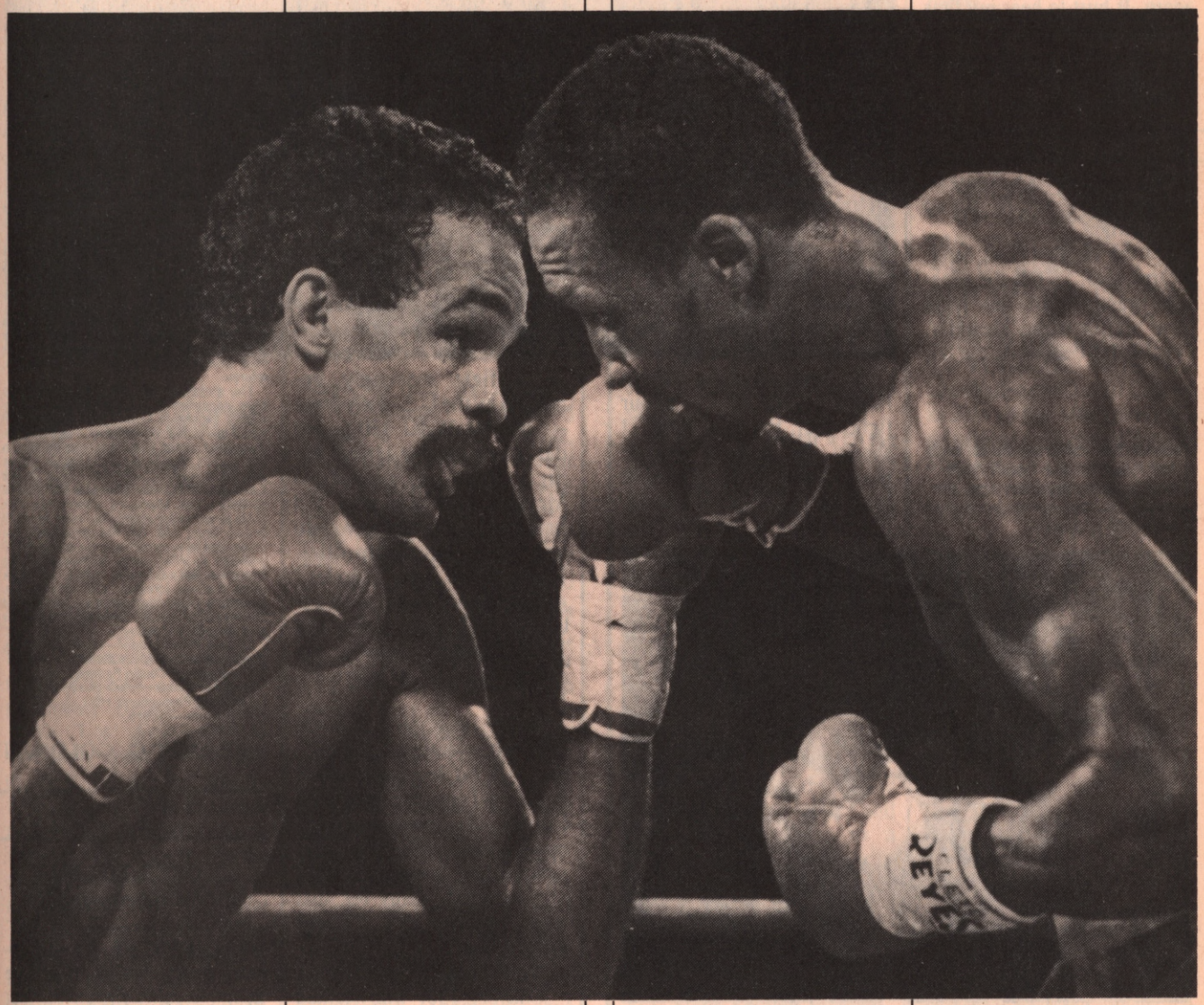
Hearns opened the second with three quick jabs and it was clear Medal was simply trying to survive — a miracle in itself, considering he wasn't punching back. Hearns had everything his own way with an unrelenting assault, but somewhere in that windmill of leather, he caught Medal's head at the wrong angle, and the right hand began to smart.

In the third round, it was a tentative Hearns suddenly dancing and spearing and hooking only with his left. Medal, the wounded eye little more than a slit, was even throwing some light jabs.

An irritated assembly began to fill the desert air with vocal abuse.

The crowd roared when Medal caught Hearns with a lunging right as he was backing up in the fifth round. But it never happened again. Hearns was aware of the public's dissenting attitude start-

Mark Medal (left) and Thomas Hearns go head-to-head in their WBC super welterweight bout in Las Vegas. The "Hit Man" retained his belt with an eighth-round TKO but was far from impressive.



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ing the eighth round, and quickly hammered Medal with jabs to the head. Medal's battered left optic was now sealed tight, and referee Davey Pearl humanely led the dead-game but outgunned challenger to a corner, where ringside physician Dr. Flip Homaskey called it off at 2:20.

Hearns raised his record to 42-2 with 36 kayoes. Medal fell to 24-3 with 20 knockouts.

"I felt something tonight that I have never experienced in my entire career . . . being booed when a man gives all he had to give," the dismayed champion reflected. "That's something that I never, ever in my entire career want to feel again, It hurt to hear my fans booing after going seven rounds. It hurt because I want to please everybody."

"Medal is tough; all you guys (media) gave up on him. He showed me it wasn't going to be a piece of cake. Tonight, this man did great, He put up a good fight."

On the swollen right hand, Hearns said: "I felt the pressure drawing from my hand from my fist to my shoulder. I decided to depend on the left hook. I did not break my right hand. It's just bruised, so I decided to save it. On a scale of 10, I'd rate this fight an eight. Anyway, when I knew I could hit Mark when I wanted, I saved it in case I needed it later."

"And let me tell you about Medal. I gave it all I had, but he has a hard head. He chewed up and spit out everything I gave him. Nothing I could do but box."

Medal arrived to congratulate his conqueror.

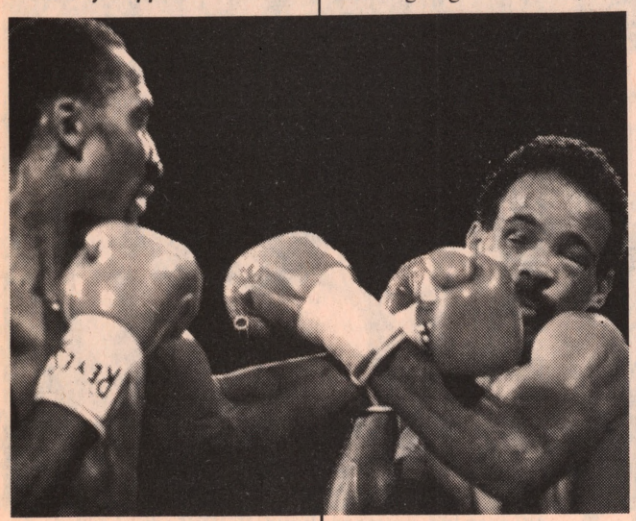
"Me and Tommy fought to see who had the best skills. Thomas was magnificent. He's gonna be a heck of a champion when he gets to be a middleweight again . . . whoever he fights."

Hearns did acknowledge a personal error not related to his right hand.

"When I knew I was in control, my mind shifted gears for me from Mark Medal to Marvin Hagler and that was a big mistake," the champion admitted. "If Marvin was watching the fight, he should know I did a very good job because Medal is a very good fighter."

"I was thinking about Hagler saying 'No' about our fight, but by this fight, I should be fighting Hagler next. I wanted to save the right hand for a very special person. If I'm going to break it, I'm going to break it on Marvin."

Hearns (left) catches Medal with a left hook to the head. Note Medal's badly swollen eye, the reason the one-sided bout was eventually stopped.



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Herold Graham, 160¾, London, England, raised his record to 35-0 with 19 kayoes when he knocked down Ernie Rabotte, 160, Long Beach, Calif., twice in the first round before scoring a TKO at 1:54 in a 10-round mismatch. Losing to the British Commonwealth middleweight champion left Rabotte with a reported 16-9 record.

Brian Flowers, 141¾, Placentia, Calif., made his pro debut with a TKO over Mike Cruz, 141, Los Angeles at 2:10 of the second round in a slated four.

Jeff Franklin, 128½, Las Vegas, won a unanimous six-round decision over Evilio Perez, 130, Anaheim, Calif., improving his log to 11-1-1 with seven kayoes. Perez is now 4-1-4 with two knockouts.
(06-23-86)

JACK WELSH

CHAVEZ-ROJAS
WBC Super Featherweight Title

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The business like career of Julio Cesar Chavez, the imperturbable Mexican who punches like a pint sized edition of Pipino Cuevas (with slightly better boxing) just kept rolling along on the Hector Camacho-Edwin Rosario card in Madison Square Garden.

Chavez, who had successfully defended the crown with a fifth round TKO over Argentine challenger Faustino Barrios in Paris four weeks earlier — a fight seemingly unnoticed by the U.S. daily press — put his WBC 130-pound diadem on the line against Refugio Rojas, a 30-year-old Mexican-American who had held the USBA featherweight and junior lightweight titles. Rojas, noted as a "spoiler" due to his wins over such unbeatens as Myron Taylor and Tony Santana, entered the ring against Chavez with a 28-10 log.

NABF champion Dwight Pratchett, another "spoiler" but with far less punch than Rojas, had gone the route with Chavez the previous September, and, while few were venturesome enough to predict an upset, many felt that Rojas would give Chavez quite a fight.

It did not work out that way.

Chavez, 130, who stalked Rojas, 129½, in the early sessions, put the challenger down into the ropes with a left hook in the fifth. Refugio got up at nine. The fight was practically over, but Rojas used his smarts to pedal out of trouble for the remainder of the round.

Another left hook floored Rojas near the end of the sixth. He rose at nine again, and then the bell rang. It was, however, only a reprieve. A right hand counter and follow-up left dropped Rojas for another nine-count in round seven. Chavez then moved in to end it and referee Tony Perez waved things over at 2:33.

Julio Cesar is now 48-0 with 43 kayoes. There was some talk of matching him against Camacho (after Hector's mortal showing against Chapo Rosario), but the feeling here is that he should fight Jose Luis Ramirez. What a slugfest! Put it on in Los Angeles and you'll sell out the Memorial Coliseum.

Matthew Hilton, 153½, Montreal, just kept rolling along with a virtual shutout unanimous decision over southpaw Cheto Ramos, 154, Tyler, Texas, 10. Scoring: Billy Graham, 9-1 (also 9-1 in points); Artie Levine, 10-0 (11-0); Eva Shain, 9-1 (10-1). Johnny Colan, referee. Hilton is now 23-0 with 18 kayoes. Ramos, down in the 10th canto, is 18-7.

Stewart Hilton, 136½, Montreal, won a unanimous (4-0 on all three cards) verdict over Dave Thomas, 134½, Altoona, Pa., for his third straight win (one kayo). Joe Santarpia, referee.

The show ran fairly late, and three fights were cancelled to avoid paying overtime to MSG's expensive union help. No one cared about the slated four betweeen debuting Desmond Harry, 122, New York, and 2-0 Ramon Tirado, 124, Puerto Rico. Of greater interest was the scheduled eight-round bout: Former Continental Americas champion Kel (Special K) Robin, 144, Miami, vs. current New York State junior welterweight title holder Angel (El Bravo) Cruz, 142. But the cancellation that made fight fans scream was the scheduled 10 between ex-WBC super featherweight king Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 136½, and quick fisted Sammy Johnson, 136, Orlando, Fla. Treating the New York debut of a former world champ as if it was an expendable "chaser" is a bit out of the ordinary.

Chavez-Rojas judges—Carol Castellano, Harold Lederman, Victor Suarez.
Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.
Ring Announcer—Frank Shain.
Don King Productions. HBO.
Attendance—10,615.
(06-13-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

COOPER-TILLMAN
NABF Cruiserweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—ANYone disappointed that the Bramble-Alli fight fell out

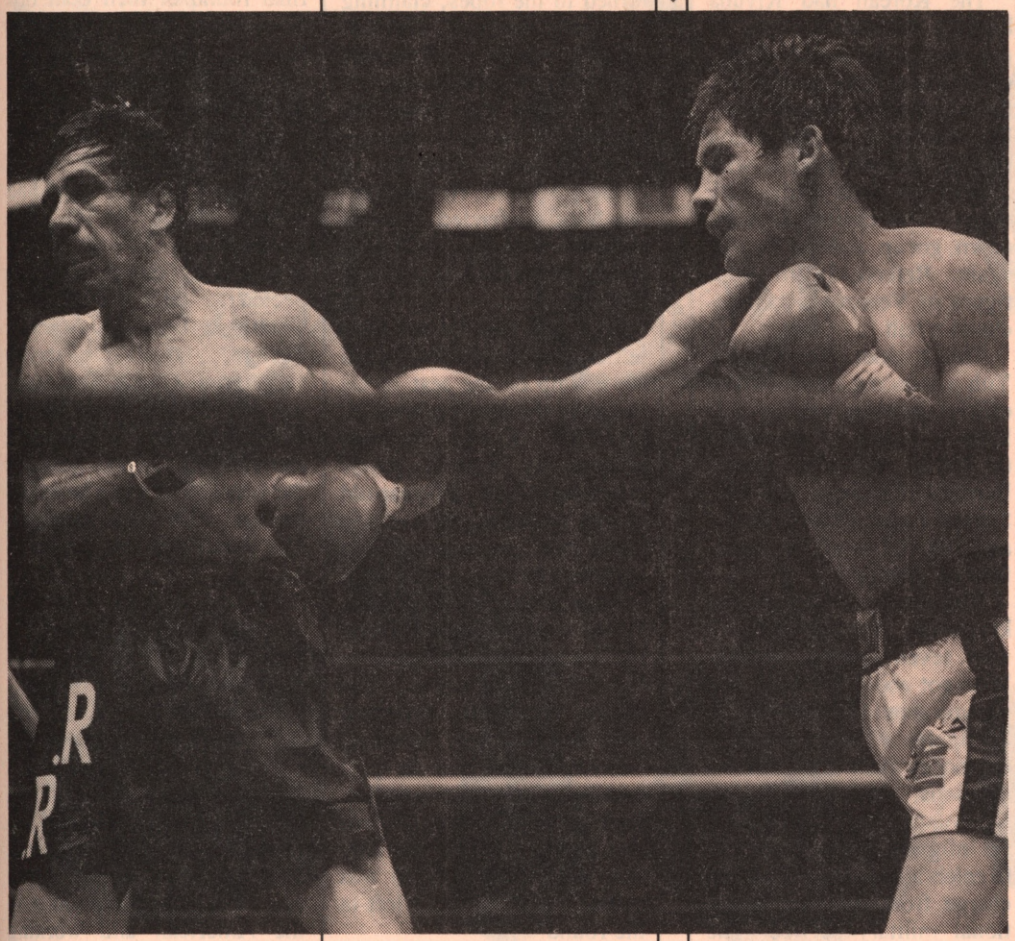

PHOTO BY JACK GOODMAN

Julio Cesar Chavez (right) connects with a right to the head of Refugio Rojas on his way to a seventh round TKO in defense of his super featherweight title in Madison Square Garden.

must have come away from the Trump feeling like he'd found a wristwatch in his box of crackerjacks. In the replacement, Henry Tillman, 194¼, Los Angeles, was shockingly upset and relieved of his NABF cruiser title by Bert Cooper, 194, Philadelphia, on a close but just unanimous verdict, 12. In all the excitement, few took notice of a significant bit of trivia: Tillman became the first of the 1984 U.S. Olympic champs to lose as a pro.

The fight was easy to arrange, as late replacements go. Tillman considered Cooper a "safe" opponent, while Bert, coming off what many branded a disgraceful loss to Reggie Gross, had nothing to lose. The curtain fell with Cooper definitely free of the canine image his come-from-ahead TKO at the hands of Gross had engendered, while Tillman showed that . . . well, the Olympians are human, after all.

Cooper opened with such fury that even Tillman, normally collected to the point of boredom, appeared surprised and confused. His "solution" probably cost him the fight! He came out banging in the second, backed Cooper onto the ropes, but was met with a left hook counter that dropped him on his seat. A second knockdown followed, but Henry managed to scramble to safety.

Ringsiders familiar with the localite expected him to tire and blow his lead. He nearly did, as Tillman took over the middle rounds, but never seemed to clear his head from the early battering. At times, they both resembled delerious marathoners struggling to beat Death to the finish line. The suspense kept the crowd on edge. Then, in the ninth, an odd thing happened. Bert got a second wind, began reaching Henry from the unfamiliar territory of long range, and outfought the visitor to a photo-finish.

The scoring was uniform and excellent: Richard F. Murry, 114-113, Thomas Kaczmarek, 115-113; and Nevada's Paul Smith, 115-112. Steve Smoger refereed.

Afterward, Tillman failed to appear at the press conference, claiming a separated shoulder. Meanwhile, starry-eyed promoter Bob Arum, viewing the event more as theatre than sport, talked of propelling the still green winner into a world title bout. Let's hope handler Joe Frazier has a bit more reserve.

Steve Darnell, 161¼, Detroit, TKO'd Daryl Fromm, 161½, Daytona Beach, at 1:14 of the fifth in an untidy six. Fromm was down in the second, and no longer in the action when ref Joe Cortez pulled the plug.

Marvin Garris, 136, Philadelphia, and Tim Burgess, 132¾, Brooklyn, battled to a majority draw (one vote to Tim) in an exciting six. Steve Smoger, referee.

Brawler Mickey Ward, 141¾, Lowell, Mass., dished out a beating to Kenny Willis, 142, Bridgeport, Conn., by unanimous decision, six. Willis appears to be fading after many hard battles. Steve Smoger, referee.

Henry Hughes, 141, Paterson, won a unanimous verdict over Rafael Terrero, 140, Bronx, in a fast-paced six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.

Attendance—750 (estimated).

Judges—Joe Pasquale replaced Smith for the undercard.

Timekeeper—Art Spell.

Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(06-15-86)

J.R. JOWETT

NELSON-CABRERA

WBC Featherweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—Fighting with the coolness of a mongoose stalking its fleet-footed prey, Azumah Nelson retained his WBC featherweight title by knocking out Dominican challenger Danilo Cabrera in 2:31 of the 10th round in a scheduled 12 at Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Cabrera made a fight of it in the first four rounds, but the self assured Nelson was merely biding his time before taking command in the fifth. The champion then pulled out all the stop signs, scoring repeatedly with a powerful left hook and finally toppling Cabrera for the full count with a shattering right cross.

The bout could have been stopped before then. The die was already cast when a bloodied Cabrera wobbled back to his corner at the end of the ninth round, totally defenseless.

Nelson must be reckoned the top featherweight in the world. He was absolutely devastating against Cabrera.

The WBC champion's only weakness is probably a certain lack of mobility. Nelson's plodding movements make him look a little awkward, but he more than makes up for it with superb conditioning and a very consistent attack.

Nelson had been looking forward to a proposed featherweight championship unification bout with Barry McGuigan, but the Irishman's loss of his title to Steve Cruz leaves him with little hope of a big payday.

Dominican Rafael Cabrera kayoed former WBC flyweight champion Prudencio Cardona in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Luis Ortiz outscored Santos Diaz, six, featherweights.
(06-22-86)

MARIO RIVERA

YUH-KIYUNA

WBA Junior
Flyweight Title

PUSAN, KOREA—Non-stop punching Myung-Woo Yuh, 107, retained his WBA junior flyweigt crown by knocking out Japan's Tomohiro Kiyuna, 106¾, in 1:53 of the 12th round in a scheduled 15.

Yuh floored the nervous challenger with a counter left hook to the cheek in the first round and almost toppled him again with a great one-two in the second. The third frame saw Kiyuna's right eye puffy from Yuh's left hooks.

The Japanese challenger attempted to outleg the champ and keep him off balance with left jabs. Yuh, however, got inside of Kiyuna and scored with light but accurate combos to the face and body.

Rounds five through seven were Kiyuna's best. He threw a lot of punches in order to keep Yuh from getting set, and succeeded in connecting with sharp lefts and rights through the champ's peek-a-boo guard.

The eighth round saw the tide turn back to Yuh, and the champ seemed to score with every blow. Kiyuna tossed a lot of leather, but almost every punch he threw was blocked by Yuh's tight guard.

The Korean had Kiyuna backing up with a flurry of punches in the eighth round, and the next three innings followed a similar pattern. Yuh, an excellent combination puncher, caught Kiyuna with a solid left hook in the 12th round. The challenger went down, got up, and was floored again. Referee Isidro Rodriguez of Venezuela then declared a halt.

The Korean crowd gave Yuh a standing ovation. The official scoring was as follows: Larry Rozadilla (U.S.A.), 107-101; Carlos Berrocal (Panama), 108-101; Samuel Lopez (Puerto Rico), also 108-101 — all for the defending champ.

Yuh is now 21-0 with five knockouts. Kiyuna is 15-2 with seven kayoes. Myung-Woo got about $47,000, and Kiyuna about $10,600 — paltry figures when compared to the money made in the heavier divisions.

Myung-Woo Yuh, a powerful infighter, used this victory to celebrate his honorable discharge from the Korean national military service. The champion is only 21 years old.

Site—Sumln Gymnasium.
Attendance—17,000 (estimated).
WBA witness—Gonzalo Rivera (Venezuela).
MBC-TV (Korea). TBS-TV (Japan).
(06-14-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

KIM-CASICAS

IBF Junior
Featherweight Title

INCHON, KOREA,—Ji-Won Kim, 122, came off the canvas in the first round to retain his Int. Boxing Federation junior featherweight title by knocking out challenger Rudy Casicas, 120¾, Philippines, in 1:45 of round two in a scheduled 15.

Casicas zoomed into contention when he knocked out Seung-Hoon Lee in eight rounds in Taejon on January 25th. (Casicas landed a left hook to the eye, and Lee turned to the ropes, claiming he'd been thumbed. The Korean referee, however, counted Seung-Hoon out.)

Kim won the crown by stopping fellow Korean Seung-In Suh in 10 rounds on January 3, 1985. He then successfully defended against Ruben Palacios (W-15), Bobby Berna (KO-4), and Suh (KO-1).

Kim and Casicas are both lefties. A strong hook dropped the champ on the seat of his trunks in the opening session, and the Korean seemed amazed by Rudy's power punching. The 27-year-old champ started aggressively in round two, connecting with a smashing one-two following a barrage of punches to the face. Down went Casicas. He beat the count, and attempted to fight back toe-to-toe. The champ, however, swarmed over the challenger, battering Casicas from pillar to post with one flurry after another. Kim then cornered Casicas and battered him to the canvas, where the Filipino was counted out with 1:15 left in the round.

The crowd cheered Kim's come-from-behind triumph. The champion is now 16-0-2 with seven kayoes. Casicas is 18-4 with six knockouts. Negotiations are underway for the Korean to defend against former WBA champion Loris Stecca in Italy.

Site—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium.
Dong-A Promotions.
MBS-TV.
(06-01-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHUNG-SAVAGE

IBF Featherweight Title

TAEGU, KOREA—Ki-Yong Chung, 126, retained his Int. Boxing Federation featherweight title with a hard fought unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Richard Savage, 125, West Monroe, La., 15.

The Korean won the crown by knocking out compatriot Min-Keun Oh in the 15th and final round of their bout last November. Chung then defended against Tyrone Jackson, who failed to answer the bell for round seven after the champ dropped him with a one-two in the sixth.

Richard Savage, who had beaten Myron Taylor, Antonio Nieves, and Robert Mullins, among others, was expected to take the fight to Chung in the early rounds. Savage, however, stayed away from Chung and made use of his jab to win a few of the early rounds. The Korean started the fireworks going in the fifth round when he nailed Savage with solid combos. The American was forced to hold.

Savage took the sixth and seventh rounds with sharp jabs and an occasional one-two. After that, it was all Chung, as the Korean dominated with his vaunted left hooks and right crosses. Savage was bleeding from one nostril, and looked content to keep circling and venture an occasional light jab. The Korean weaved and ducked, getting close to the American and working him over downstairs. Savage took some wicked body shots in the 10th session, but refused to fall. The last five rounds were completely one-sided, the challenger struggling to go the distance.

The official scoring was as follows: Harold Lederman (U.S.), 144-142; Joppi Limahelew (Indonesia), 148-142; Kwang-Soo Kim (Korea), 147-138. Aaron Rosenberg (U.S.) was the non-scoring referee.

The 27-year-old Chung is now 31-4 with 10 knockouts. Savage, a year younger, is 26-1 with 16 kayoes.

Korean lightweight champion Kyu-Un Choi, 138¾, kayoed Kil-Suk Chun, 139, in 1:52 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Choi is now 26-4 with 14 knockouts. Chun is 6-11 with three kayoes.
Site—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium.
World Promotions. KBS-TV.
IBF witness—Bill Brennan.
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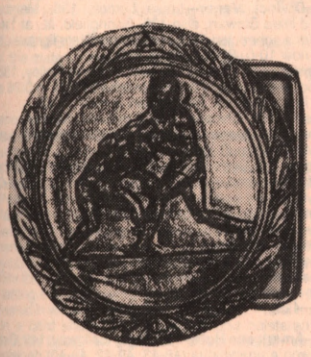

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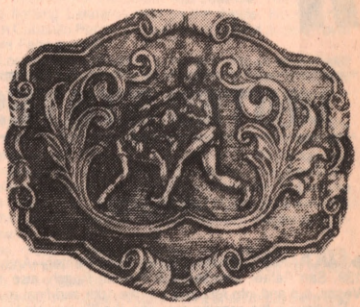

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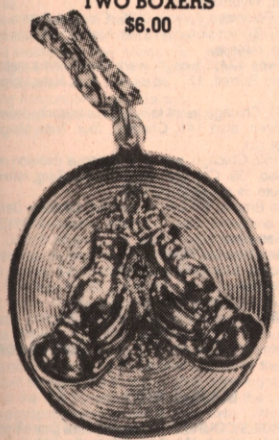

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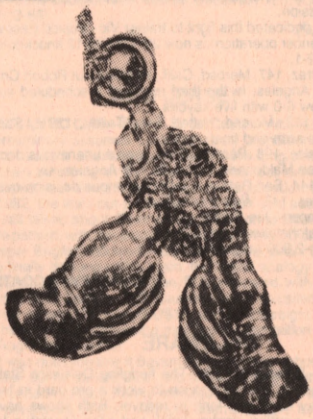

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**SAN RAFAEL—Marin County Civic Center**—Andy Nance, 139, San Rafael, knocked sub Freddie Roach, also 139, Las Vegas, out and into retirement in the 10th and final round.

Cautious in the opening sessions, the 23-year-old Nance took control by the fifth through the use of counter left hooks and a steady attack to the body. Roach was hurt in both the eighth and ninth before Nance beat him to the floor with a series of blows in round 10. Referee Rudy Ortega stopped the contest at 0:33 of the session.

Nance, who dedicated this fight to trainer Vic Grupico (recovering from a cancer operation) is now 22-1-2 with 12 knockouts. Roach is 39-12-1.

Steve Gutierrez, 147, Merced, Calif., knocked out Robert Collins, 148, Los Angeles, in the third round of a scheduled six. Gutierrez is now 6-0 with five kayoes.

Joe Baron, 132, Merced, halted Tony Talley, 129½, Sacramento, in the sixth and final round.

Victor Gonzales, 128, Pacifica, Calif., won a unanimous decision over Ruben Maldonado, also 128, Los Angeles, six.

Paul Nave, 144, San Rafael, won a unanimous decision over Ismael Gonzales, 147, Watsonville, four.

Ring Announcer—Joe Burke.
Promoter/Matchmaker—Joe Burke.
Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(04-17-86)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

DELAWARE

▶**STANTON—Delaware Park**—The fledgling Delaware State Commission got its second chance to work a pro card in two years, and may need that long to recover. Both shows have proved riotous, exciting, controversial, and near disastrous for local boxing. This time, an innovative horse racing and boxing card was put together outdoors at the newly reopened track. Only three bouts were presented.

In the main event, scheduled for six, hero Henry Milligan, 182½, Wilmington, was stunningly upset and knocked from among the unbeaten. He was TKO'd by Al Shoffner, 184, Philadelphia, at 1:08 of the second. After a feel-out first, the awkwardly effective, long-armed visitor began winging, and Henry couldn't seem to resist. A lunging left hook dropped him. Then a smashing overhand right buckled his knees almost to the floor. He bounced up short of a knockdown, only to be stunned by a combination, at which time ref Pat McGinnis risked his own life to protect Henry's, and stopped it.

A class guy, Milligan confessed, "To be perfectly honest with you, the referee should have stopped the fight. I was hurt. I had no qualms about his decision. It happened eleven times to guys that I've fought, and today it happened to me."

Dave Tiberi, 168½, New Castle, Delaware, won a unanimous decision over conservative Ken Page, 169½, Philadelphia, six. The fans booed the local for his failure to impress. Steve Smoger, referee.

John Garwood, 172, Newark, Delaware, scored a two-knockdown TKO over Norman Boyce, 167½, Philadelphia, at 1:46 of the first round in a scheduled four. Bob Palmer, referee.

Messina Promotions and Delaware Park.
Matchmaker—Pat Duffy.
Attendance—3000 (estimated).
Judges—Paul Burns, plus the two non-working referees.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(05-10-86)

J.R. JOWETT

FLORIDA

▶**TAMPA—Agri-Center Building**—Cowboy Don Shiver, 154, Tampa, won a unanimous (98-94, 98-93, 96-94) decision over Jose (Speed) Angulo, 152¼, Tampa, 10. Shiver had a tough time in the middle rounds, but came on down the stretch. Five days later, Shiver lost control of his car on Interstate 75 in Paso County and was pronounced dead at Humana Hospital in Dade City. He was 29 years old.

Shiver's career log was 22-1 with 12 kayoes. The loss dropped Angulo's record to 26-9 with 15 knockouts.

Terry Anderson, 214¾, Tampa, TKO'd Franklin Otts, 197, Houma, La., at 1:08 of the first round. A three-punch combo, capped by a big left hook, sent Otts to the canvas. Anderson pounced on him as soon as he arose, and was hammering his man with lefts and rights against the ropes when referee Brian Garry called a halt. Anderson is now 13-0 with 12 kayoes. Otts is 22-9-1 with 15 knockouts.

Keith Stevenson, 132½, Tampa, TKO'd Keith Cameron, also 132½, Apopka, Fla., at 2:38 of round five. Referee Garry stopped the bout after two knockdowns. Stevenson is now 19-1 with eight kayoes. Cameron is 10-7 with six knockouts.

Willie Clower, 137, Tampa, won a unanimous (59-54, 59-55, 60-53) decision over Richard Laster, 136½, Jacksonville, Fla., six. Clower is now 4-0 with two kayoes. Laster is 9-8-1.

Leon Dixon, 197, Petersburg, Fla., TKO'd debuting Steven Howard, 215, Plant City, Fla., at 2:59 of the first round. Dixon is now 2-0 — both first round kayoes.

Steve Petramale, 155, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd Darrell Griffin, 149, Apopka, who failed to answer the bell for the third session. Petramale is now 4-0 with two kayoes. Griffin is 0-5.

Robert Ringo, 162¼, Tampa, won a unanimous (40-36, 40-36, 40-37) decision over Casino Santana, 165, Tampa, four. Ringo is now 3-0 with two kayoes. Santana is 2-1.

Referees—Brian Garry, Mike Boggs.
Judges—Peter Valiente, Wilson Robinson, Derrell Brown.
Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Knockdown Timer—Dick Howroyd.
Ring Announcer—Terry Van.
Alessi Promotions.
Matchmakers—Brad Jacobs, Chuck Covello.
Attendance—1,414.
USA Cable Network (one-day tape delay).
Ringside Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(05-20-86)

▶**HIALEAH—Milander Auditorium**—Mauricio Rodriguez, 149½, Miami, knocked out Dario DeJesus, 152, Miami, with a right-left combination in 1:57 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Cleo Garcia, 132½, Miami, TKO'd Emilio Diaz, also 132½, Miami, at 2:16 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Bill Connors, referee.

Veteran Mao de la Rosa, 163, Miami, TKO'd Roberto Riasco, 157, Hollywood, Fla., at 2:05 of the second in a scheduled eight. Bernie Soto, referee.

James Warring, 191, Miami, TKO'd Reggie Neal, 188, Miami, in the first round of their scheduled six. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Popular Desmond Frugers, 191, Delray Beach, kayoed Trent Surratt, 186, Charlotte, N.C., in 1:36 of the first round in another scheduled six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Louis (Kid) Monzote, 108, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Ramon Pichardo, 107, Miami, four. Bill Connors, referee.

Ramon Negron, 170, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Larry Guthrie, 169, Miami, four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Gary Petes, 192, Ft. Lauderdale, kayoed Scottie Thorn, 228, Florida City, in 2:12 of the first round in their scheduled four. Bill Connors, referee.

Duran Boxing Corp.
Attendance—700 (estimated).
(05-23-86)

▶**MIAMI—Tamiami Fairgrounds**—Former WBC flyweight champion Antonio Avelar, 119½, Mexico, scored an eighth round TKO over Wilfredo Vasquez, 118, Puerto Rico, in a scheduled 10 that turned out to be one of the greatest fights of all-time.

Vasquez scored a flash knockdown in the opening frame and won the next three rounds as well. In the fifth, a left hook sent Wilfredo to the canvas. Vasquez rose and spilled Avelar. Going into the eighth round behind on all three scorecards, Avelar scored heavily and put Vasquez out on his feet with a vicious right. Referee Harry Brennan stepped in at 2:38 of the frame and stopped it.

Sugar Baby Rojas, 116, Colombia, TKO'd Juan Pagan, 115, Puerto Rico, at 2:08 of the second in a scheduled eight. Bernie Soto, referee.

Darryl Pinckney, 122, Hollywood, TKO'd Rolando Sosa, 120, Miami, at 1:58 of the first round in a scheduled four. Eddie Eckert, referee. Collazo was hospitalized.

Tuto Enterprises, Inc.
Matchmaker—Rick Encinosa.
Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
(05-30-86)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor**—Louie Lomeli, 135, Melrose Park, Ill., TKO'd Nate Stewart, also 135, Springfield, Ill., at 1:44 of the seventh in a scheduled 10 for the Illinois State lightweight title. Lomeli is now 10-0. Stanley Berg, referee.

Greg McPherson, 174, Chicago, kayoed Eugene Holley, 168, Ashtabula, Ohio, with a picture perfect overhand right in 0:26 of the first round in a slated six. McPherson is now 12-12.

Ron Amundson, 154, Chicago, won a majority decision over Norberto Bueno, 155, Guerrero, Mexico, six. Amundson is now 6-0. Bueno is 11-3. Brian O'Shea, referee.

Richard Burden, 138, Detroit, kayoed Paul Graham, 136, Gary, Ind., in 1:15 of the second in a slated four. Burden is now 3-0. Brian O'Shea, referee.

Judges—James DiVito, Mike Glienna, Bill Lerch.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ring Announcer—Art Manzy.
Ringside Physician—William MacIntyre, M.D.
Lanas Productions.
Matchmaker—Jack Cowen.
Attendance—429.
(05-17-86)

▶**CHICAGO—Americana Hotel**—Manning Galloway, 149, Columbus, Ohio, won a unanimous (48-43, 49-42, 49-40) decision over Veabro Boykin, 147, Chicago, 10. (Boykin is also known as Ala Hamza UFO.) The world ranked Galloway is now 39-8. Boykin is 18-2. Nate Morgan, referee.

Jim Finn, 201, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over James Churn, 190, Gillett, Wyoming, six.

Four-rounders: Francisco Arreola, 125, Chicago, won a split (19-17, 19-18, 20-17) decision over Dirk Acklin, 121, Chicago, four. Stanley Berg, referee.

Bernard Hightower, 174, Chicago, went to 4-0 with a majority decision over Larry Burrell, 177, Joliet, Ill., four. Nate Morgan, referee.

Gary Moore, 141, Chicago, went to 5-0 with a majority decision over Cedric McEwen, also 141, Chicago, four. Nate Morgan, referee.

David Davies, 159, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Moses Jacobs, also 159, Chicago, four. Stanley Berg, referee. Davies, a deaf mute, is now 7-0.

Judges—Collins Brown, Bill Lerch, Jerome Jakubco, Gerald Hults.
Timekeeper—Ken Kinsch.
Ring Announcer—Thomas Finch.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Promoter—Ernie Terrell.
Matchmaker—Jack Cowen.
Attendance—461.
(05-20-86)

GEORGE HOWE

MARYLAND

▶**PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY—Sheraton New Carrollton**—Eugene Speed, Palmer Park, Md., 128, 4-0, continued to impress local boxing fans with a technical knockout at 1:22 of the second round of Mike Brown, Philadelphia, Pa., 129, 4-9 in his first scheduled eight-rounder.

Brown came out showing surprisingly good handspeed and a willingness to take the fight to Speed. Early in the second round, the two fighters exchanged left hooks and Speed's arrived first. Brown went down and when he arose, Speed was all over him with his usual fearsome finishing assault. Two explosive right hands to the chin decked Brown again forcing the referee to stop the fight.

Classy Antonio DeBarros, Oxon Hill, Md., 130, improved to 5-0 when his opponent, Ruben "The Falcon" Fontanez, Glen

Burnie, Md., 129, 1-1, couldn't make it out for the fourth and final round.

DeBarros, who floored Fontanez in the second and third rounds, one day should make a smashing showdown with Speed. Both are being brought up with big things in mind.

Regularly powerless Floyd Simmons, Baltimore, Md., 128½, 2-6, suddenly turned sluggar and stopped unbeaten Bobby Jacobin, Idamay, West Va., 130½, 2-1, with a clock-cleaning right hand at the end of the first round. The bout was scheduled for six.

Jacobin had been down once in the round and was out on his feet when the bell sounded.

Calvin Hardy, Baltimore, Md., 141, 1-1-1, scored a unanimous decision over Henry Hawkins, Landover, Md., 140, 1-2-1. The scores were 40-37, 39-38, and 40-39. *The Ring* scored the bout a draw at 38-38. The action was toe-to-toe from the beginning. The bout was a rematch of a draw and they could just as well let them go at it again.

In an explosive heavyweight bout, Charles Dread, Greenbelt, Md., 207, impressed in his pro debut by blasting out Reggie Carrington, Capital Heights, Md., 204, 0-2, at 1:01 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder.

Dread scored a knockdown in the first and after he floored Carrington with a right hand in the second, the referee waved it over.

In the opener, John Keys, 160, Baltimore, Md., scored a technical knockout over debuting Kim Berlt, Huntington, West Va., 157, at 0:45 of the third in a scheduled four. The referee stopped the bout with Keys ripping Berlt's left cheek open with unanswered right hands along the ropes.

Quality Promotions.
Matchmaker—J.D. Brown.
Referees—Larry Barrett, Harry Cecchini.
Judges—Tom Kelly, Ray Klingmeyer, Frankie Kelly.
Timekeeper—Izzy Bach.
Knockdown Timer—Earl Clemmons.
Ringside Physicians—Brad Bennett, Reed Pyeritz.
Ring Announcer—Tony Baldoni.
(05-27-86)

▶**NOTES**—This marked the first show in which the referee did not figure in the scoring of boxing matches in the state of Maryland.

Maryland State Athletic Commissioner Chester O'Sullivan said that the state's rules were being revised.

JOHN SCHEINMAN

▶**BALTIMORE—Fifth Regiment Armory**—Just two months after his initial defeat (KO by 4) as a professional, Vincent Pettway returned with a good score when he stopped Leland Hart, 145, Atlanta, Ga., at 2:42 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Pettway, 145, Baltimore, had Hart backing up all evening. Hart is famous for backing off against name opponents, but Pettway at least didn't fall asleep along the way. He pressured throughout, smartly cutting off the ring. The end came when the ringside physician stopped the action to examine the cut right eye of Hart. While the cut itself was borderline bad, there was really no point in letting this completely one-sided bout go on; Hart wasn't interested in winning, just going the distance. Frank Kelly, referee.

In a card shortened by pullouts and bolstered only by two exhibition bouts, an eight and a four actually counted for the record.

Stock D.J. Turner, 138, Baltimore, pressured skinny Greg Keys, 139, Baltimore, throughout, finally stopping his foe at 2:27 of round seven. While there were no knockdowns, D.J. was relentless and especially strong to the body. Ray Klingmeyer, referee.

Alex Stanley, 180, Baltimore, capped his four-round unanimous decision win over Odell Jones, 176, Baltimore, with a last round knockdown. Ray Klingmeyer, referee.

Judges—Tom Kelly, Larry Barrett, Terry Moore.
Timekeeper—Harry Cecchini.
Ring Announcer—Tony Baldoni.
Promoter—Baltimore's Best Boxing.
(06-11-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—David (Machine Gun) Braxton, 154, Detroit, retained his NABF super welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Kenny (The Blizzard) Snow, also 154, Tyler, Texas, 12. Scoring: Dick Cole, 117-111; Randy Ericson, 119-110; Rose Grable, 116-112. The 31-year-old Braxton is now 37-2. Snow, 10 years younger, is 23-3.

Ozzie (Wizard) O'Neal, 140, Youngstown, Ohio, knocked out Bruce Williams, 139, Philadelphia, in 0:24 of round six. Williams was ahead on all three cards at the end of the fifth inning, having dropped O'Neal with a three-shot combo in the second. Bruce dropped his right arm in agony after throwing a punch near the end of the fifth session, and dropped to the canvas in agony after attempting to punch with it in the sixth. O'Neal is now 14-3-1. The surprising loss dropped Williams to 21-3-1.

Dwain Lockman, 154, Tyler, Texas, knocked out Mark Stevens, 156, Detroit, in 1:50 of round four with a short right and a glancing left. Lockman is now 7-0-1. Stevens is 6-3.

Roger Brown, 136½, Buffalo, New York, won a unanimous (58-56 on all three scorecards) decision over Phillip Fuller, 138, Detroit, six. Fuller slips to 4-2.

Booker T. Word, 174½, Ann Arbor, Mich., won a unanimous decision over Ken Wright, 174¾, Grand Rapids, six. Word is now 5-0-1. Wright, down in the second, is 6-4.

Lamont (Stringbean) Watson, 160, Detroit, made his pro debut with a unanimous (40-36, 39-37, 39-37) decision over Lee Lamphere, 160, Waterford, Mich., four. Lamphere is now 4-2. This was his first bout after serving in the army.

Referees—Bob Watson, Sam Williams.
Judges—Chip Acey, Rick Fisher, Randy Ericson, Rose Grable, Dick Cole.
Ring Announcer—Wally Jackson.
Ringside Productions.
Matchmaker—Tom Vacca.
Attendance—1,248.
(05-22-86)

▶**DETROIT—Hart Plaza**—Thousands of fans packed Hart Plaza for the annual free boxing show put on by Ringside Productions.

Tyrone Trice, 149, Detroit, floored the finely conditioned Curtis Summitt, 148, Joliet, Ill., with a hard right in the opening moments of the scheduled 10-round main event. Summitt beat the count, but he was wobbly, and the bout was stopped at 1:13 of the first round. Trice is now 24-1.

J.L. Ivey, 132, Detroit, won a unanimous (78-74, 79-73, 80-72) decision over Keely Thompson, 130, Washington, D.C., eight. Ivey is now 17-4.

Booker T. Word, 172, Ypsilanti, Mich., TKO'd Ronnie Edwards, 178, Port Huron, Mich., at 2:44 of the second canto. Word is now 6-0-1. Edwards is 4-2.

Courtney Hooper, 141, Detroit, belted out Terry (The Bull) Butler, 140, Erie, Pa., in 1:21 of round four. Butler was dropped twice in the third and once in the fourth en route to the stoppage.

"Jammin' " Jeff Thompson, 175, Detroit, stopped Theotis Liggion, 171, Detroit, at 1:12 of round three. Thompson is now 7-0. Liggin is 3-6.

Tracy Thomas, 248, Detroit, halted fellow debutant Randy (Doc) Holiday, 278, Saginaw, Mich., at 2:00 of the third round in their scheduled four.

Ringside Productioons.
Matchmaker—Tom Vacca.
Ring Announcer—Wally Jackson.
(06-10-86)

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—Up-and-down Arthel (Bam Bam) Lawhorn, 175, Detroit, scored the biggest win of his career in stopping Diamond Jim MacDonald, 174, Fort Worth/Detroit, on a cut above the right eye after four rounds of a scheduled 10 for the Michigan State light heavyweight title.

Lawhorn controlled the action in the opening frame, and floored MacDonald with a right hand in the second. Arthel is now 14-10-2. MacDonald, who was beginning to get into the fight when the ringside physician halted matters, is 17-3. The cut, on the eyelid, received eight microstitches for healing purposes, although it was said that it did not need any. MacDonald and his corner felt he could have easily continued against Lawhorn.

Vince (Blue Thunder) Hopper, 179, Westland, Mich., dropped Toby Tyler, 179¾, Chicago, twice in round two for a TKO at 2:05 of that session. It was scheduled for eight. Hopper is now 10-0.

Ernest (Ice Tea) Houser, 149, Detroit, TKO'd Pete Podgorski, 151, Chicago, at 2:43 of round two in their scheduled eight. Houser, Hopper's teammate under the ABC Promotions banner, is now 7-1.

Ronnie Byrd, 126¼, Flint, Mich., won an easy unanimous (60-54, 59-55, 59-55) decision over Thomas Elston, also 126¼, Buffalo, New York. Byrd is now 9-0.

Fred (The Tank) Adams, 127, Henderson, Ky. (now fighting out of Detroit for Johnny Ace Smith, who also handles Ronnie Byrd), landed a perfect solar plexus punch on Eddie Petty, 128¼, Cleveland. Petty froze in his tracks, dropped his arms, and opened his eyes wide as a follow-up left hook put him down for the count in 1:31 of the third session. Adams is now 2-0.

Andre Thibideaux, 150, Roseville, Mich., knocked out Tom Laly, 156, Chicago, with a right in 1:28 of the opening round. Thibideaux is now 2-0.

Lorenzo Canady, 220, Detroit, won a unanimous (58-56 on all the scorecards) over Dwain Bonds, 222, Detroit, in the opening six. Canady is now 6-1-1. Bonds, handled by Marv Haupt, is 11-9-1.

Referees—Sam Williams, Hugh Smither.
Judges—Frank Barbarish, Ken Ellison, Charlene Warner.
Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.
ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
Attendance—700 (estimated).
(06-17-86)

DAVE HARTOOON

NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS—Sahara**—Ernie Landeros now knows about frustrations in professional boxing.

Despite perhaps his best performance in a two-year career, the 20-year-old lightweight talent from Eagle Rock, Calif. was stung for the second time with a controversial split decision loss — this time to the more experienced Martin Quiroz over 10 rounds in Top Rank's ESPN main-event at the Sahara Hotel-Casino.

It was total war from the opening bell to the final three minutes, with the kind of explosions that had ESPN's national TV audience on their feet screaming.

Landeros and his 25-year-old Mexican tormentor, now based in San Jose, Calif., needed the touches of a medic at the finish. Ernie's right eye was threatening to close from underneath and the right orb was lumpy while Martin was cut twice over the left eye (one slice needed 15 stitches) and once underneath. Quiroz also left the arena with a badly swollen right hand.

The decision, which brought a mixed reaction from the crowd, left Quiroz with a 42-10-2 record. Landeros' log dipped to 12-2-1 with seven. Considering the power punching of both rivals, it's surprising that there were no knockdowns.

In the official judging, Lou Tabat saw it 97-94 for Quiroz while Patricia Jarman had the same score for Landeros. Paul Smith tabbed it 97-93, Quiroz. *The Ring* tally was 96-95, Landeros.

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Despite fielding shots like this one. Martin Quiroz (left) won a 10-round split decision over Ernie Landeros in Las Vegas.

Toe-to-toe fighting was the hallmark of practically every round, and just when it appeared that either Landeros or Quiroz was ready to take charge, the other guy's offense became his best defense.

Whenever the pressuring Landeros appeared to trap Quiroz on the ropes with wicked combinations to the head and body, the latter would punch his way out with booming left hooks, which often knocked Ernie off balance.

"To me, the only thing tough about fighting Quiroz was that he kept tying me up. The guy was very awkward," the disappointed Landeros said. "I felt I won, so it's disappointing to me. I've fought better and tougher guys with better techniques. After the second round, I knew his power would go and he never hurt me after that."

Quiroz, with manager Renato Garcia translating, said: "I got tired in the first few rounds because the pace was so fast, but by the fifth round everything came back and I didn't get tired again. I figured I won by three or four points, but we knew a home town decision (for Landeros) was possible. The most difficult thing fighting Landeros was on the inside. He punched harder than Cubanito Perzez (who won a 10-round decision over Quiroz here February 25)."

Hector Lopez, 125, Glendale, Calif. used his all-around skill to offset Francisco Segura's superior punching power to capture the ESPN Western Regional featherweight crown with a unanimous 10-round decision.

Lopez, who represented Mexico as a silver medalist in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, improved his log to 10-0 with four kayoes. Sergura, 125, Pomona, Calif., fell to 9-1, with five kayoes.

In a vicious leather shootout, Felix Gonzales, 134½, San Francisco, finally wore down the rugged determination of Dwayne Prim, 134¾, Fort Worth, Texas, for a TKO victory at 24 seconds of the eighth round, claiming ESPN's Western Regional lightweight crown.

Gonzales, dropping Prim in the first, fifth, and sixth rounds, lifted his record to 13-3, with 12 kayoes. Prim's reading is now 19-9-1 with 14 knockouts.

Rubin Posada, 148½, Las Vegas won a unanimous six-round decision over Elfigo Graham, 148, Tuscon, Ariz.

Joe Mattingly, 200, Louisville, Ky., TKO'd James Hardwick, 194½, Phoeniz, Ariz., at 1:10 of the second.

Paul Banke, 121¾, Los Angeles, Calif., scored a unanimous four-round decision over Rafael Gutierrez, 125, Azuza, Calif.
(06-13-86)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—It's rare indeed that a preliminary assumes such legendary proportions that it cries for a rematch after the contestants have long since graduated to main event class. But when hot prospect Kenny Baysmore escaped near disaster to TKO then unregarded Anthony English in 1982, the walk-out produced such rock-'em, sock-'em action, it's still talked about. Their careers went on to follow a turtle and hare pattern, with Baysmore meteoric, then nearly crashing, while sleeper English followed a slower, steadier pace. But when the two finally crossed paths again, the fabled analogy ended there. Baysmore, 129¾, Washington, D.C., repeated, with a unanimous verdict over English, 129, Camden, in an excellent 12. With it, Kenny re-won the vacant USBA junior lightweight crown which he had lost in a humiliating national-TV demolition at the hands of Roger Mayweather.

It was questionable if Baysmore would ever rebound from that defeat, but he looked fresh and sharp. Boxing smartly in a finely disciplined contest, Kenny managed to stay one step ahead of the dangerous English. Anthony seems to have been lulled into relying too heavily on the bomb since his come-from-behind K.O. of Don Caples. But where Caples fell apart when hurt, Baysmore showed sterner stuff. English opened cuts around his eyes in the fourth, worsened them in the fifth, then exploded a right to deck the former champ. Upon arising, Baysmore was ready to be taken, but English followed his corner's spurious advice to box, and never passed for the kill. After a couple of skittish rounds, Kenny mounted confidence, and it was all over for Anthony. The Camden lad's left eye was closing in the eighth, and Baysmore evened the knockdowns with style in the ninth, employing the same right which had upended him earlier. A furious final round by English fell short, as John Stewart voted 115-111, Joe Pasquale 116-111, and Rocky Castellani 114-112. Randy Neumann refereed.

Donnie Parker, 129, Baltimore, surprised Joey Caraballo, 130½, Bronx, with an explosive volley that dropped him for a TKO at 1:04 of the second in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee.

Lefty Steve Darnell, 162, Livonia, Mich., survived a rocky finish to split decision late-starting Ed Priester, 162, Philadelphia, in an awkward six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Derrick Davenport, 147¼, Jersey City, floored Robert Harris, 145½, Philadelphia, in the first, then pounded him to a unanimous win, four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Tim Black, 167½, Pleasantville, suffered a flash knockdown in the third, but otherwise beat Michael Jefferson, 165½, Bronx, for a unanimous win, four. Ted Pick, referee.

HBA East and Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
Judges (undercard)—Eva Shain, Thomas Kaczmarek, Milo Savage.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(05-08-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Bobby Joe Young, 149, Steubenville, Ohio via Jersey City, split decisioned Felipe Montellano, 150½, Bakersfield, Calif. via Jersey City, but it was the judges who really clobbered the loser.

The bout was made competitive by relatively poor showings on each side. Young, whose hands lack the snap that once made him a devastating puncher, came straight forward in early going, and was thumped. By the fourth, both eyes were closing. But Montellano fought like he'd rather be elsewhere, and once Young developed some side-to-side motion, Felipe seemed to be looking for an escape. Bobby Joe's charge was stopped by a right that nearly dropped him in the seventh, but neither Montellano, nor the judges, seemed to notice. By the time Young got untracked and mounted a rush in the last two, it looked like too little too late. But John Stewart and Al DeVito both gave him the fight, 6-3-1; Rocky Castellani had the right man by the wrong score, 9-1, Montellano. Tony Orlando refereed.

Considered a puncher, Mack Brown, 148, Freeport, New York, showed surprising movement to befuddle and soundly defeat flat-footed slugger Mike Tricarico, 145¼, Brooklyn, by unanimous verdict, eight. Steve Smoger, referee.

In a bout made exciting by each fighter's inability to take command, Ismael Negron, 156½, Newark, upset touted Dennis Milton, 156½, Bronx, by a split decision, six. A first round knockdown proved the margin of victory for Negron. Tony Orlando, referee.

Vinnie Burgese, 139, Philadelphia, TKO'd James Kier, 136, Hampton, Va., with a grotesquely mangled eye, at 0:31 of the second of a scheduled four-round rout. Steve Smoger, referee.

Zach Smith, 173, Philadelphia, wiped out Richard Brownrigg, 176¼, Long Beach, New York, with a standing eight and a knockdown for a TKO at 1:13 of the first of a wild shoot-out, scheduled for four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Madison Square Garden, HBA East, John Nittolo Productions.
Matchmakers—Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.
Attendance—1000 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(05-22-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—Largely unknown Frankie Randall, 136¾, Morristown, Tenn., scored a stunning TKO over red hot Sammy Fuentes, 137½, Loiza, P.R., at 1:16 of the second in a scheduled 10. It was all strategy, but hardly time to notice. "In this fight, he kept trying to rely on the big right hand. But I could see it coming," Randall claimed. Well, not quite. Fuentes jolted him with the shot to open the second. But when he tried to come back with it, using the ropes for added leverage that proved his own undoing, Frankie was ready for him. Ducking inside, Randall fired a perfect short right, and down went Sammy. He staggered up, with ref Vinnie Rainone stopping the fight, and affording Fuentes the opportunity to offer a most inventive excuse. The Puerto Rican claimed he couldn't understand the ref's questions in English. Rainone explained, ". . . he said he only understands Spanish when he's hurt."

In the ESPN welter tournament, veteran Allen Braswell, 147¾, Brooklyn, proved too savvy for upstart Milton Leaks, 146¾, Hartford, with a unanimous win, eight. The promising Leaks hadn't fought in nearly a year, and came back too tough, biting off more than he could chew. Braswell dropped him in the second and seventh, outfighting him all the way, but Milton kept it lively. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

The other tourney bout, by contrast, was a dreadfully uninspired affair, with Sanford Ricks, 145¼, E. Orange, N.J., awarded a questionable unanimous verdict over George Leach, 144½, Hillcrest Heights., Md., eight. Both acted like they were trying to get out of a contract rather than advance in a tournament. But at least Leach milled around in forward gear, while Ricks seemed to be trying to avoid unpleasantry. Ted Pick, referee.

In a battle of attrition, brawling Mickey Ward, 142¼, Lowell, Mass., wore out, dropped, and TKO'd Luis Pizarro, 143¼, Rio Grande, P.R., at 2:39 of the third round in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee.

Miguel Narvaez, 149, Naguabo, P.R., won a unanimous verdict over Warren Nelson, 150, Philadelphia, in a good four. Ted Pick, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers—Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—400 (estimated).
Judges—Eva Shain, Charlie Spina, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-30-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—A dreadful main event festered like a chancre atop a robust undercard. Replacing the oft-postponed Boone Pultz-Carlos Hernandez USBA title bout, Harold Petty, 123, St. Louis, won a unanimous decision over Ramon Cruz, 124, a recent arrival from Puerto Rico to the Bronx, 10. Both counter punchers, they were unable to mount effective attacks, and milled around aimlessly, like confused bees looking for the entrance to the hive. All that kept it from being a dull gym session was frustration, which led to a mulligan stew of illegal tactics. At least Petty was aware of the problem, but blamed it on the airlines and bad weather for botching his flight. Milo Savage scored 6-2-2, Eva Shain 6-4, and Ron Burns 7-3. Randy Neumann refereed.

Mark Weinman, 153¼, Whitestone, Queens, New York, kayoed Billy Barnes, 155, Bethlehem, Pa., in 1:42 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Brawler Weinman impressed, proving too strong for the slap-dash Barnes, who folded from body shots in the third and fifth. Ted Pick, referee.

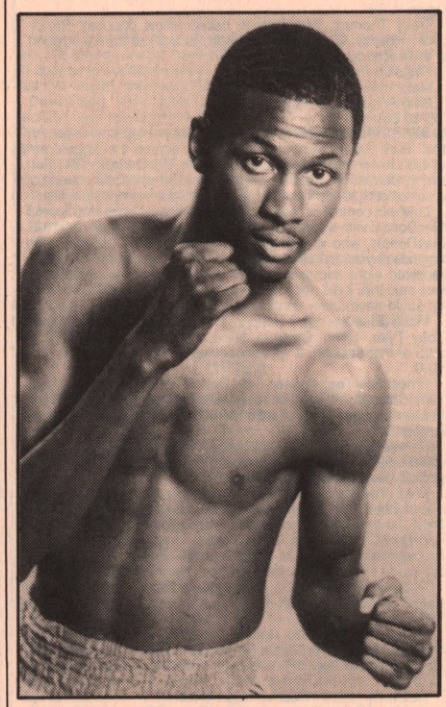
Greg Everett, 172, Newark, went off like a time bomb and blitzed Wesley Reid, 174½, Long Beach, New York, scoring a standing eight and TKO at 0:48 of the first round in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee.

Job Walters, 123¾, Long Beach, came off the canvas in the first to wear out Joe (The Hat) Aloisio, 126, New York, and gain a unanimous decision in a rugged four. Ted Pick, referee.

Southpaw Dave Lozada, 157, Youngstown, Ohio, edged William (Bo) James, 153½, Newark, by deserved majority verdict in an amateurish but earnest, four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Madison Square Garden, HBA East, John Nittolo Productions.
Matchmakers—Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(06-12-86)

J.R. JOWETT



Mark Breland dominated previously unbeaten John Munduga for a sixth round knockout in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—Mark Breland is proving his backers right, and, with every nationally televised bout, is making converts by the screenful.

On this ABC afternoon in The Copa Room, he oh-so-easily dispatched the previously unbeaten John Munduga. Breland, 147, Brooklyn, won by K.O. at 2:18 of the sixth in this main event 10. Munduga, 147, Tampa, Fla., was never ever in the "fight" — he did not win a round on any official card, or on that of *The Ring*.

The slower, more mechanical Munduga had run up a 24-0 record, but here his usual height and reach edge took a back seat to Breland's, who took command right off in ring center, employing a constant slide to the left and a popping jab. By the end of round two, John's face already bore the marks of a loser — blood from the nose and mouth, as well as a puffy left eye. His one bright spot came in that second round when he managed to knock Breland's mouthpiece out with a left hook. Mark later confessed to having his jaw ajar at the time.

John plugged away, but Breland was making darn sure that he did enough to control the pace and the rounds — especially the spirited fifth, in which Munduga felt the spirit to gamble. He was gambling when he fell, as Mark finalized an exchange of punches with a point-of-chin right that dropped John head first to the canvas, where an obviously shaken Munduga would need more than just a 10-count from referee Paul Venti. It was a knockout, plain and simple.

Heaping praise upon the winner, Duff said at the post-fight press conference that Breland's, "only weakness is being a human being . . . At this stage of this career he is, ability wise, ahead of Leonard or Hearns." Breland followed, saying, "I prepared for a tough fight. I looked at a lot of his tapes. He's a typical European (John was born and raised in Uganda, was brought to England to begin boxing and later moved onto the U.S. for better quality training and opposition) fighter. He comes right at you, he's there to be hit. He's not as fast as me. He tries to hit and get hit." All this was said in perfect candor, not in a boastful fashion. He can be modest as well. Told that Donald Curry plans to move up soon, Mark replied, "I hope so."

Tracy Harris Patterson, 129¾, New Paltz, N.Y., won a six-round unanimous decision over James Woodhouse, 132, Philadelphia. The much shorter Tracy was far too busy for the stand-up Woodhouse, who didn't win a round. Judges Frank Cairo and Frank Brunette had it 6-0, while John Poturaj saw it 5-0-1. Tony Orlando, referee.

In a sparkling six-rounder, Franco DiOrio, 133½, Somerville, Mass., took a majority decision over switch-hitting Donnie Parker, 133, Baltimore, Md. The taller Franco came forward, while the shifty Parker played the perimeter in a real cat-and-mouse affair that saw the apparent edge go to DiOrio when ref Venti issued a standing eight-count against Parker in round three. Scores: Brunette and Cairo, both 4-2, DiOrio; Poturaj, 3-3; same as *The Ring*.

John John Molina, 128, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, TKO'd an overmatched Floyd Simmons, 124¼, Baltimore, at the 2:41 mark of round two in a scheduled six. Simmons was dropped earlier in that round. He really had no chance. Tony Orlando, referee.

Speaking of being over-matched, the pro debut of John Piazza, 163¾, Leroy, N.Y., was ruined when he was kayoed in 0:37 of round two in a scheduled four by Dominick (Tee-Bop) Williams, 162¼, Philadelphia. If nothing else, Williams can bang, especially early on. He couldn't help but connect against his stocky and stationary foe. Piazza was dropped once in each round. Paul Venti, referee.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoter—Main Events/Monitor.
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
(06-21-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Michael Olajide, Jr., 160, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, made his New York debut with a lopsided but unimpressive unanimous decision over Chicago club fighter Randy Smith, 163½, 10.

Scoring: Ruben Garcia and Ted Wint, both 10-0; Danny Whelan, 7-3. Olajide is now 18-0 with 12 knockouts. Smith, who was in there to survive and make Olajide look bad, is now 15-6 with 12 kayoes. Al LoBianco, referee.

Ed Priester, 161, Philadelphia, won an upset unanimous decision over Earl (Pee Wee) Boger, 162, Charleston, S.C., eight.

Scoring: Garcia, 5-2-1; Whelan and Wint, both 5-3. Charley Norkus, referee. Priester is now 7-5-1 with one knockout. Boger is 14-2 with 12 kayoes.

Al Santana, 149½, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Ali Salaam, 145½, Detroit, six. Scoring: Garcia, 3-2-1; Whelan, 5-1; Wint, 4-2. Paul Field, referee. Santana is now 10-1-1 with three kayoes. Salaam is 7-2-1 with three knockouts.

Brooklyn southpaw Tunde (The Doctor) Foster, 132½, won a unanimous decision over James Woodhouse, 132, Philadelphia, six. Scoring: Garcia and Whelan, both 5-1; Wint, 4-2. Charley Norkus, referee. Foster is now 4-0 with three kayoes. Woodhouse is 1-5-1.

Pasquale Procopio, 126, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Sammy Ruiz, 123½, Bronx, six. Scoring: Garcia, 4-1-1; Whelan and Wint, both 4-2. Paul Field, referee. Procopio is now 8-0. Ruiz is 3-5-4 with one knockout.

Tony Pollard, 195, Jersey City, made his pro debut with a unanimous (all cards 4-0) decision over Darell Rister, 186½, Philadelphia, four. Charley Norkus, referee. Rister is now 0-2.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(06-05-86)

▶**NEW YORK—Madison Square Garden**—James (Buddy) McGirt, 141½, Brentwood, New York, TKO'd game Rudy Fuentes, 144½, Milwaukee, at 2:19 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10 as part of a live card in support of the Las Vegas Tripleheader closed circuit telecast.

Fuentes, now 11-3-1 with three kayoes, had not fought since Brian Brunette stopped him in two rounds in St. Paul, Minnesota on November 22, 1984. He stood up to the savage beating McGirt handed out until referee Paul Venti—simultaneously with Fuentes' corner—stopped it in the eighth. There had been no knockdowns.

McGirt is now 28-0-1 with 25 knockouts.

The 10-round co-feature saw Richard Burton, 159½, Bronx, New York, go to headline status with a first round (1:41) blitz of Kelvin Moley, 160½, Selden, New York. Moley was somewhat lethargic, and was in big trouble after the first knockdown. A follow-up assault knocked him halfway through the ropes—head first—and referee Fred Ucci stopped it.

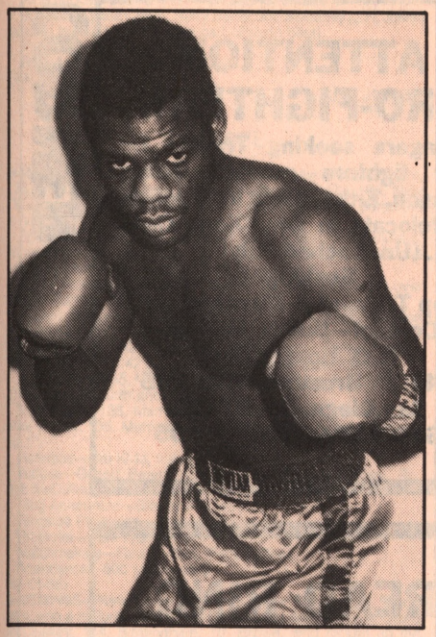
Burton is now 12-2 with 10 kayoes. Moley, whose only previous loss had come against Wilfred Benitez, is 24-2 with 20 knockouts.

Seamus McDonagh, 178, County Mayo, Ireland, dropped Andre Hayes, 180, Asbury Park, N.J., twice in round two of a scheduled six for a TKO at 2:17 of the session. Paul Venti, referee. McDonagh is now 4-0 with three kayoes in the pro ranks. Hayes is 4-4.

Former Olympian Pedro Nolasco, 129, Santo Domingo, D.R., now residing in Jersey City, scored his second pro win with a split decision over Raymond Reyes, 127, Kew Gardens, Queens, New York, six. Fred Ucci, referee. Scoring: George DeGabriel and Barbara Perez, 4-2, Nolasco; Bernie Friedkin, 3-3 (4-3 in points), Reyes. Nolasco hotdogged in the fifth round, but won clearly. Reyes who was floored in the first round by a left hook, is now 5-2-1.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(06-23-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN



Iran (The Blade) Barkley retained his Continental Americas middleweight title with a third round TKO over Tony Harrison in New York City.

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Iran (Blade) Barkley, 159½, Bronx, New York, retained his Continental Americas middleweight title with a third round TKO over Tony Harrison, 158, Oklahaoma City, in a scheduled 12 that was overshadowed by the war between Sabiyala Diavila and favored Floyd (The Mangler) Peavy.

The Barkley-Harrison bout went as expected, although Tony came to fight. A vicious knockdown in the fatal frame was followed by a Barkley fusillade that sent Harrison down on the ropes, where referee Nick Drake intervened at 2:06.

Barkley is now 18-3 with 13 kayoes. Harrison is 17-8-1 with 12 knockouts.

Floyd Peavy had been scheduled to face New York State welterweight champion Nelson (Rocky) Ortiz in a 12-round title bout. Ortiz withdrew, and the New York State Championship Boxing Tournament Committee sanctioned this scheduled 12 between Peavy and Zaire-born Sabiyala Diavila (previously based in Italy but now residing in Old Westbury, New York) as a "title eliminator"—the winner to be recognized as champ as soon as Ortiz had been officially shorn of the title.

Peavy, 145½, Kew Gardens, caught a tartar in Diavila, 146, a deceptively awkward boxer-puncher who came in on a week's notice. The African was decked in round two, but came back, his right eye bloodied, to floor Peavy in the sixth and ninth. Despite Diavila's bad cut, it seemed like anybody's fight going at the end of 11, and the official scorecards were 6-5 (8-6 in points), Diavila (Nicholas Cimino), 7-4, Diavila (George S. Colon), and 6-4-1 (a 7-7 draw in points), Peavy (Peter Heller).

The Mangler, who missed with one roundhouse after another, was caught by another good straight punch in the 12th and floored again. Peavy was hurt, but managed to get up at eight. Referee Carl Schroeder took a look and stopped it at 1:59. The war was over.

"I should have fought him more inside," admitted Peavy. "He hurt me a couple of times, but I was able to come back. I don't know why he stopped it." Diavila is now 21-6 with 10 kayoes. Peavy is 14-2 with 11 knockouts.

Robert Folley, 175, Irvington, N.J., TKO'd Charles Henderson, 174½, Kansas City, Mo., at 2:10 of the eighth and final round. Referee Oscar Perez stopped it after Henderson was floored by a right hand. Folley is now 13-2 with seven kayoes. Henderson is 16-5 with seven knockouts.

Tony (Dr. Detroit) Montgomery, 155, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Mike Peoples, 151, Monticello, New York, eight. Scoring: Cimino, 6-2; Colon, 8-0; Heller, 7-1. Nick Drake, referee. Montgomery is now 16-0 with nine knockouts. Peoples is 6-17-3.

Glenwood (Beast) Brown, 141½, Port Chester, New York, TKO'd Robert Smith, 165, Philadelphia, at 1:09 of the third round in their scheduled four. Oscar Perez, referee. Williams is now 3-0. Smith is 0-2.

Walter (The Wizard) Cowens, 129½, Monticello, New York, won a majority (2-2, 3-1, 4-0) decision over debuting Darrell Green, 130, Harlem, New York, four. Carl Schroeder, referee. Cowens is now 2-0.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Paid Attendance—899.
Total Attendance—1,139.
(06-19-86)

▶**TROY—RPI Houston Fieldhouse**—Sticking to the breakneck fight schedule that has characterized his career, Mike Tyson racked up victory number 23 with a first round knockout over William Hosea in an off-television match that attracted a slim crowd of around 1,200. The quick win was Tyson's 21st knockout.

Hosea, 215, Bloomington, Ill., who claimed a pro record of 17-3, provided the unbeaten heavyweight sensation with little more than a light workout. Tyson, 219, Catskill, N.Y., came out bombing and soon caught Hosea with a right uppercut to the head, quickly followed by a left hook to the body and another left hook to the head for the fight's lone knockdown.

Hosea made it to one knee by the count of six and appeared ready to resume the bout, but when referee Harry Papacharalambous reached 10, Hosea's gloves were still touching the canvas and he was ruled out.

"I thought my hands were off the canvas," protested the loser. "I wasn't hurt. I was trying to stay down to get a rest, but I should have started getting up at eight."

"I think the guy (Hosea) is a game quitter," countered Kevin Rooney, Tyson's trainer. "He took some shots, got hit with some good body punches and figured 'what's the point.' The guy came to fight, but Mike broke his will."

"When I hit him with a left hook to the body, I felt the power leave his body," said Tyson, who celebrated his 20th birthday two days after the fight."

Heavyweight James (Broad Ax) Broad, making his second appearance on a Tyson undercard, kayoed Wes Smith 17 seconds into the second round of a scheduled 10. Broad, 244, Wildwood, N.J., dropped Smith, 274¾, Louisville, Ky., with a left-right combination for the full count. Broad would love to fight Tyson, but according to his manager, Stan Hoffman, they've already turned down an offer of $40,000.

"I'd want a minimum of $350,000," said Broad, probably pricing himself out of the market. "I won't take less."

Albany middleweight Stephon Frost raised his record to 8-0-1 with an eight-round decision over Mike Moore, Peoria, Ill.

Richard Campbell outpointed Frank Mincilli.

Schenectady's Teeka Singh outscored Sherm Dixon.

Ray Doughty outpointed Troy's Sammy Young.
(06-28-86)

OREGON

▶**PORTLAND—Lung Fung's Dragon Room**—Canadian featherweight champion Tony Pep, 6'1" and 125, danced and jabbed his way to a unanimous decision over former Filipino flyweight champion Arnell Arrozal, 132½, 10. The 5'2" Arrozal was five and one-half pounds over the contracted weight, and was fined a hundred dollars a pound by the Portland Municipal Boxing and Wrestling Commission. The money went to Pep.

Shaun Ayeres, 185, Carson City, Nev., TKO'd The Tonga Kid, also known as Kailea Acteiea, 187, San Francisco, at 1:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Ray Teroy, 145, Portland, Ore., won a unanimous decision over Billy Barnes, 146, Vancouver, B.C., four.

George Beltrain, 190, Vancouver, B.C., TKO'd Marshall Freeman, 190, Albany, Ore., at 2:35 of the second in their scheduled four.

Jorge Keymolen, 132, Portland, Ore., TKO'd Jerry Bishop, also 132, Albany, Ore., at 2:10 of the fourth and final frame.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.
Judges—Pat Lowry, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.
Timekeeper—Ron Valeu.
Ringside Physician—Ken Wilhelmi, M.D.
Sandy Barr's Capitol Contact Sports.
Attendance—310.
(05-14-86)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**SHILLINGTON—Gov. Mifflin Intermediate**—Boxing returned to the Reading area after a one-year hiatus, with a positively excellent club card featuring all competitive matches.

In the main event, scheduled for eight, John David Jackson made a tough contest look like a mismatch. Unveiling a new aggressiveness, Jackson, 153, Bridgeport, Pa, took apart spoiler Mike Castronova, 148½, Youngstown, with precision combinations, like a safe-cracker clicking tumblers. Castronova was dropped twice, with the crowd exhorting ref Tony Wolfe to stop it at 2:40 of the first.

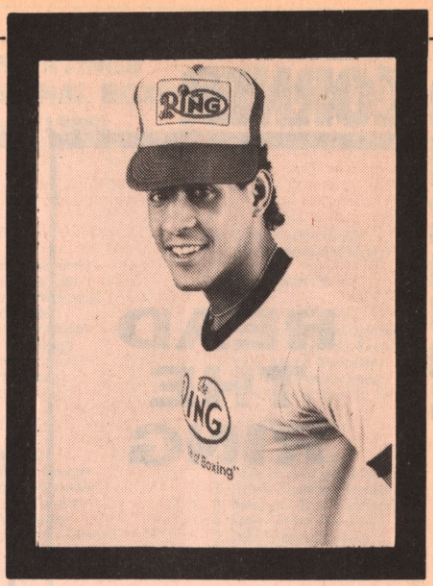
Showing more experience, Steve Mistretta, 133, Palmerton, won a unanimous decision over slugger Scott (Li'l Red) Derr, 133¼, Shillington, in a war, six. Jimmy (Meatball) Condon, referee.

Roger Osorio, 130, Carolina, P.R., via Philadelphia, shellacked an ailing Gustavo Lopez, 127½, Lancaster, into a TKO at the end of the second in a scheduled six. Coming back too soon from the flu, a rickety Lopez wrestled Osorio to the canvas in the second, where they both continued to punch away until separated by referee Wolfe.

Returning Todd Englehart, 159, Lebanon, Pa., fired a solid left hook counter to drop and TKO tough Robert Neeley, 156¼, Philadelphia, at 2:22 of the first round in a scheduled six. Wolfe refereed.

Billy Marks, 198, Allentown, bulldozed Jimmy Ruoff, 191, Shillington, into a TKO at 1:49 of the third round in a scheduled four. On an ill prepared comeback, the bulked-up Ruoff was no match, getting dropped once in each round, plus two standing eights in the third. Jimmy Condon, referee.

In a sensational battle royal, Victor Ramos, 168, Reading, TKO'd Chris LoPresto, 175, Tamaqua, at 2:08 of the third round in their scheduled four. Ramos was down in the first and second, until the bull-like LoPresto began to tire and allow punching room.



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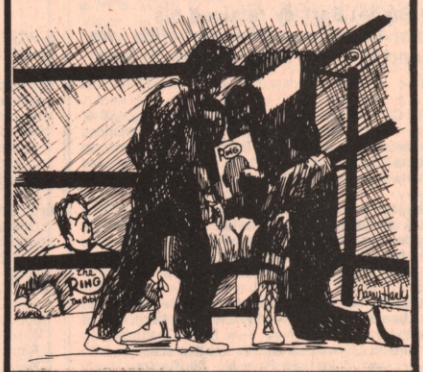

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Victor came back to deck him later in the second, and Chris bleeding badly when Condon stopped it.
Promoter—Paul Marabella.
Matchmaker—Joe Hand, Jr.
Attendance—300. Gross — $4,000 (estimated).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Rudy Battle, Joe Sweeney (J.R. Jowett subbed for Carter in the Ramos-LoPresto bout).
Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.
Ring Announcer—Tom Leibowitz.
(06-14-86)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESEE

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Southpaw Bret Summers, 135, Detroit, floored and TKO'd Jerome Spotsville, 136, New Orleans, in 1:00 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Summers is now 25-2.
Spencer Chavis, 192, a Kronk stablemate of Summers, knocked out Richard Silas, 182, Tulsa, in 2:52 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Chavis is now 17-1.
Walter Ivory, 149, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over Reggie Barnes, 156, Millington, Tenn., six.
Ronald Stafford, 164, Covington, Tenn., won a split decision over Bruce Card, 165, Memphis, four.
Chuck Glover, 142, Covington, Tenn., stopped Tommy Jeans, 149, Memphis, at 2:42 of the third round in their scheduled four.
Bryan Grant, 155, Memphis, stopped Marcellus Jackson, 160, at 0:28 of the fourth and final round.
Mike Smith, 138, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over Mike Weber, 136, Memphis, five. This was a full-contact karate bout.
Referees—Jim Kidd, Irving Tucker.
Judges—Gilbert Beam, Haywood Watts, Joey Hadley, Sr., Bob McCullough, C.B. Smith, Ken Roach.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Ringside Physician—Joseph Wilhite, M.D.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmakers—Red Fortner, Peyton Sher.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
(04-01-86)

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown, 159, Memphis, won a majority (95-95, 99-94, 100-96) decision over David McCluskey, 164, Birmingham, 10. Brown, who picked up the pace in round four after a typically slow start, is now 16-4-1.
Chuck Glover, 145, Covington, Tenn., won a unanimous decision over Tommy Jeans, 150, Memphis, four.
Paul Thorn, 153, Tupelo, Miss., halted Ronald Stafford, 159, Covington, Tenn., at 1:48 of the third round in their scheduled four.
Bryan Grant, 162, Memphis, stopped Earl Thomas, 164, Memphis, at 1:44 of the second round in another scheduled four.
Mark Allman, 160, Memphis, halted Chester Jackson, 159, Osceola, Ark., at 2:12 of the third session in still another scheduled four.
Referees—Jim Kidd, Sam Garland, Irving Tucker.
Judges—Gilbert Beam, Haywood Watts, Joey Hadley, Sr., Bob McCullough, Ken Roach.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Ringside Physician—Joseph Wilhite, M.D.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
(05-06-86)

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Michael Greer, 195, Memphis, knocked out Alan Whitfield, 229, Minneapolis, in 1:05 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Greer is now 24-5-2.
Knox Brown, 161, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over Rocky Trampler, 166, Tulsa, six. Brown is now 17-4-1.
Joe Edens, 147, Nashville, won a unanimous decision over Walter Ivory, 149, Memphis, six.
Brian Grant, 162, Memphis, stopped Steve Evans, 159, Minneapolis, at 2:27 of the second round in a scheduled four.
Chuck Glover, 144, Covington, Tenn., stopped Monte McLelland, 145, Memphis, at 2:50 of the first round in their scheduled four.
Mark Gardner, 149, Memphis, won a unanimous decision over Tommy Jeans, Memphis, four.
Referees—Jim Kidd, Sam Garland, Irving Tucker.
Judges—Gilbert Beam, C.B. Smith, Haywood Watts, Bob McCullough, Ken Roach, Joey Hadley, Sr.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Ringside Physician—Matthew Wood, M.D.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—600 (estimated).
(06-03-86)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**FORT WORTH—Super Pro Gym**—Gilbert Contreras, 121, Wichita Falls, Texas, TKO'd Capri Lipkins, 119¾, Houston, at 2:47 of round three in the scheduled eight-round main event. Contreras is now 9-0. Lipkins is 5-4-1. Ronnie Walters, referee.
Robert Guy, 141, Fort Worth, TKO'd Juan Antonio Pacheco, also 141, Reynosa, Mexico, at 2:27 of the second round in a scheduled six. Guy is now 5-0. Pacheco is 6-3.
Oscar Pena, 148, San Antonio, and Ron Johnson, 147, Oklahoma City, drew, six. Pena is now 5-1-1. Johnson is 9-4-1.
Juan Martinez, 118, Dallas, a southpaw, TKO'd Alex Guerrero, 120, Austin, at 2:57 of the second in a scheduled four. Martinez is now 3-1. Guerrero is 0-2.
Scott Mincey, 159, Oklahoma City, made his pro debut with a TKO over Juan Diaz Oviedo, 111, Reynosa, Mexico, four. Foster is now 2-0-1. Diaz Oviedo is 3-2.
Referees—Ronnie Walters, Spider Bynum.
Judges—Jack Woodruff, James Marr, Gary Snapka.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ring Announcer—Shelly Mann.
Ringside Physician—William Gardner, M.D.
Ten-Count Productions.
Promoter—Wayne Harrison.
Attendance—325 (estimated). Gross—$3,056
(5-13-86)

▶**FORT WORTH—Super Pro Gym**—Johnny Johnson, 149½, Dallas, TKO'd Ron Johnson, 146, Oklahoma City, at 1:57 of the third round in a scheduled six.
Greg (The Fighting Preacher) Foster, 114, Dallas, went to 3-0-1 with a TKO over debuting Henry Garza, 117, in the first.
Raul (Shotgun) Martinez, 129, made his pro debut with a TKO over Jesse White, 130, at 1:08 of the first round.
Dennis Butler, 254½, kayoed Mark Jones, 221¾, in 1:25 of round one.
Roland Baker, 157, Albuquerque, N.M., TKO'd Lee Roy Rivera, 151, in the second.
Mark Breedlove, 149¾, knocked out Lupe Flores, 153, Albuquerque, in 0:36 of the first with a left hook.
Referees—Spider Bynum, Dick Cole, Ronnie Walters.
Judges—Gary Snapka, Ken Fewell, Dick Cole.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ringside Physicians—William Gardner, James Marr.
Ten-Count Productions.
Attendance—653. Gross—$7,200.
(06-10-86)

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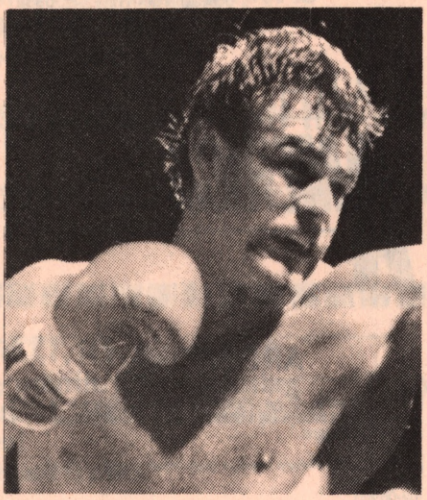


Willie de Wit's 12 round decision over Ken Lakusta for the Canadian heavyweight crown drew a record-breaking crowd of 14,741 in Edmonton.

CANADIAN RATINGS
BY THE CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(As of July 3, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie de Wit (Grand Prairie)
1. Young Dempsey (Vancouver)
2. Donovan Ruddock (Toronto)
3. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
4. Alex Williamson (Reeces Corner)
5. Cedric Parsons (Lower Sackville)
6. Conroy Nelson (Ottawa)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Roddy MacDonald (New Waterford)
1. Willie Featherstone (Toronto)
2. Eddie Melo (Toronto)
3. Don LaLonde (Winnipeg)
4. Danny Lindstrom (Fort McMurray)
5. Tony Morrison (Toronto)
6. Andy Formagie (Montreal)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Olajide, Jr. (Vancouver)
1. Matthew Hilton (Montreal)
2. Muhammed Eltassi (Winnipeg)
3. Deano Clavet (LaSalle)
4. Gerry Meekison (Dartmouth)
5. Danny Vandal (Winnipeg)
6. Sam Bonnadonna (Windsor)
7. Albert Lambert (Calgary)
8. Ken Billinghurst (Calgary)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ricky Anderson (Halifax)
1. Laurie Mann (Prince George)
2. Jamie Ollenberger (Vancouver)
3. Shawn O'Sullivan (Toronto)
4. John Herbert (Vancouver)
5. George Sponagle (Prince George)
6. Danny Winters (Parrsboro)
7. Marlon Wright (Montreal)
8. Denis Sigouin (Hull)
9. Les Wisniewski (Calgary)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Remo DiCarlo (Toronto)
1. Peter Cunningham (Edmonton)
2. Jaswant Singh Ark (Kelowna)
3. Mark Adams (Parrsboro)
4. John Kalbhenn (Toronto)
5. Gord Hannah (Fort St. John)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Pep (Vancouver)
1. Pasquale Procopio (Montreal)
2. Nedrae Simmons (Toronto)
3. Barrington Francis (Montreal)
4. Serge Cusson (Montreal)
5. Dale Winters (Burnaby)
6. Ian Clyde (Montreal)
7. Marty Burton (LaSalle)

ALBERTA

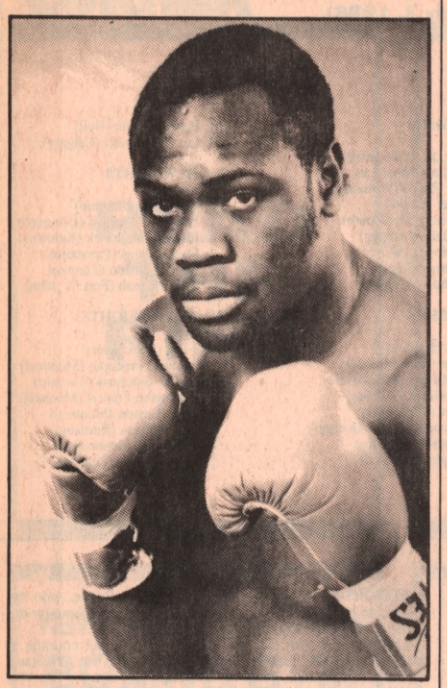
▶**EDMONTON**—Willie de Wit, 211¼, Grand Prairie, won the Canadian heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Ken Lakusta, 214½, Edmonton, 12.
Lakusta tired after six, and showed nothing but courage in getting through the final round. The official scoring was as follows: J. Berry (Edmonton), 116-114; G. Gregory (Calgary), 120-111; K. Newman (Edmonton), 118-113. Hubert Earle, referee.
Former Canadian amateur champion Danny Lindstrum, 175, Fort McMurray, won a unanimous (79-75, 79-75, 80-77) decision over Willie Featherstone, 170, Toronto, eight. Barney O'Connor, referee. Featherstone had been ranked number one by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation.
James Williams, 160, Tucson, Ariz., won a majority (78-74, 78-78, 79-74) decision over Ken Billinghurst, Jr., 161, Calgary, eight. Don Smart, referee.
Rod Starks, 150, Los Angeles, won a majority (60-56, 59-59, 58-57) decision over Jimmy Cheung, 149, Edmonton, six.
Harpal Talhan, 134½, TKO'd Reggie Johnson, 129, Calgary, in the fourth round of their scheduled six. Kim Mah, referee.
Timekeepers—Bob Blacklock, Harold Kitchen.
Ring Announcer—Rob Christie.
Promoters—Rod Proudfoot, Garry Stevenson.
Attendance—14,741. Gross—$325,000 (estimated).
(06-14-86)

ONTARIO

▶**TORONTO**—A poorly promoted card drew a crowd of only 700 to witness a four-bout program that lasted only 35 minutes. Tickets were way overpriced at $20.
Donnie Poole, 148, Toronto, returned to action after a year of retirement with a TKO over Collins Kellar, 158, Columbus, Ohio, at 0:43 of round four in a scheduled eight. Nailed with a hard left hook, Kellar dropped to the canvas. He was up at eight, but referee Ed Gaudet wisely stopped the bout. Poole is now 30-3-1. Kellar is reportedly 27-11-17.
Leo Simmons, 128, Columbus, TKO'd Bobby Hackett, 138, Toronto, at 1:52 of the first round in a scheduled six.
Jeff Graves, 140, Columbus, won a unanimous decision over Ricky Burke, Toronto, six.
Richard Souce, 140, Toronto, kayoed Aaron Phinnesse, Columbus, 150, in 2:22 of the second round in their scheduled six.
Willie Featherstone, Toronto, and Lamont Jackson, Columbus, boxed a three-round exhibition.
Referees—Ed Gaudet, L. Sullivan.
Judges—R. Hipilito, L. Browning, F. Bullard.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, F. Shillilo.
Ringside Physician—Dr. A. Murray.
Promoter—D. Barnabic.
(05-27-86)

▶**ST. CATHARINES—U.A.W. Hall**—Nedrie Simmons, 126, won a unanimous decision over Leonard Pinnock, 125, Montreal, 10. A good action featherweight contest with no knockdowns. Simmons used his longer reach to keep off the aggressive Pinnock.
Greg Gayle, 134, Ottawa, won a unanimous decision over Jaffery Graves, also 134, Cleveland, six.
Four-rounders: Frenchy Langlois, 145, St. Catharines, kayoed Jorge Luis Santiago, Cleveland, in 1:11 of the second. Guy Normandeau, 164, St. Catharines, came off the canvas in the first to kayo Luciano de Simas, 163½, Toronto, in 0:30 of the fourth. Rick Fortuna, 135, Niagara Falls, stopped Brian Walen, 139, Toronto, at 0:56 of round three.
Bobby Greene, Dunville, and Branko Jagodie, Brantford, boxed a three-round exhibition.
Referees—C. Williams, B. Bell.
Judges—R. Chopping, J. Godfrey, B. Bell, C. Williams.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, F. Shillilo.
Ring Announcer—P. Boone.
Ringside Physician—Dr. A. Murray.

Promoter—Benny D'Amico.
Attendance—400 (estimated).
(06-06-86)



Simon Brown TKO'd local hero Shawn O'Sullivan in the third round of their match in Toronto, improving his pro record to 23-1.

▶**TORONTO—C.N.E. Coliseum**—Simon Brown, 148, Washington, D.C., TKO'd former Olympic hero Shawn O'Sullivan, 149, Toronto, at 2:37 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round bout televised live over N.B.C. in the United States and N.C.C. in Canada.

O'Sullivan just did win the first round on all three official scorecards. Brown pressed hard in round two, scoring well with punches to the head and body. Simon was relentless, and caught the retreating O'Sullivan with a hard shot to the body followed by a left hook to the jaw that left him stunned. Shawn's arms were hanging by his sides, and only quick action by referee Fern Chretien saved him from a certain K.O.

Brown is now 23-1. O'Sullivan is 11-1.

Donavan Boucher, 147, Toronto, won a split decision over Jim Sudbury, 144½, Cleveland, six.

Pat Layne, 134½, Toronto, won a unanimous decison over Julian John, 133, Toronto, six.

Al York, 177, Kingsville, stopped Sam Bonadonna, 173, at 1:03 of round three in their scheduled six.

Terry Francis, 161, Toronto, outscored Tusand Jewell, 166, Detroit, four.

Referees—Fern Chretien, H. Davis, Ed Gaudet.
Judges—C. Williams, B. Cormier, F. Bullard.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, F. Shillilo.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. B. Stuart, Dr. Al Hacker.
K.O. Promotions. Attendance—7,500 (estimated).
(06-08-86)

SASKATCHEWAN

▶**REGINA—Agridome**—Willie de Wit, 215, Grand Prairie, floored Michael Acey, Brisbin, Pa., in the second round, and knocked him out with a left hook in 1:37 of the third frame in a scheduled 10. This was Acey's first pro loss; his record is now 10-1, 10 knockouts. Don Smart, referee.

Dale Walters, 126½, Vancouver, won a split decision over Adam Garcia, also 126½, Phoenix, Ariz., eight. Walters was consistently outfought, and the decision was greeted with howls of disapproval from the crowd. Don Smart, referee.

Elfigo Graham, 149, Tucson, had too much experience for Les Wisniewski, 149½, Calgary, in their scheduled eight. Graham unloaded in the seventh round, dropped Wisniewski for an eight-count, and the bout was stopped. Barney O'Connor, referee.

James Williams, 160, Phoenix, halted Alfred Lambert, 158, Calgary, in the sixth round of their scheduled eight. Barney O'Connor, referee.

Tony Cisneros, 129, Phoenix, won a split decision over Reggie Johnson, 127½, Calgary, four. Barney O'Connor, referee.

Referees—D. Smart, B. O'Connor.
Judges—J. Berry, K. Rudd, L. Sutton.
Timekeepers—D. Donison, S. Dieana.
Ring Announcer—K. Newans.
Ring Physicians—Dr. D. Duguid, Dr. J. Mchattie.
Willie de Wit Enterprises.
Attendance—7,000 (estimated).
(05-03-86)

FRANK ALLNUTT

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▶**COLON—Panama Al Brown Gymnasium**—Up-and-coming Eduardo Tunon, 107½, won a unanimous decision over world ranked Virgilio Chifundo, 107¾, in one of the dirtiest 10-round bouts seen here in years.

Chifundo was warned at least 20 times by referee Francisco Burak for low blows, butting, use of elbows, etc. Tunon was warned four or five times and lost a point in the fifth round for hitting below the belt. Chifondo lost points in the fourth, sixth, and 10th.

Tunon a classic boxer, used his jab and right cross to keep Chifundo at bay and evade his wild rushes. Chifundo bled from the mouth and nose, as well as suffering cuts on both his eyelids.

Tunon is now 12-1. Chifundo is 13-3-2. Both were coming off defeats to Benedicto Murillo, now the WBA's sixth ranked junior flyweight.

Alberto Lindo, 144, Costa Rica, TKO'd Gregorio Molinar, 143¼, Panama, at 2:02 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Jose Campos, referee.

Fabian Salazar, 121¾, won a unanimous decision over Daniel Delgado, 120¾, six.

Manuel Arrieta, 133, won his first pro contest after three losses with a unanimous decision over Jose Racero, 133¾, four. Racero is now 2-1.

Tomas Arguelles, 118¾, won a majority decision over fellow debutant Carlos Henry, 120¾, in the opening four.

Attendance—3,228 (capacity).
(05-17-86)

▶**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Julio Gudino, 112, won the vacant Panamanian flyweight title with a lopsided unanimous (119-115, 115-114, 119-113) decision over Victor Sierra, also 112, over 12 before about 500 fans. Isaac Herrera, referee.

It was a dull fight. Gudino was coming off a lay-off (due to a knee injury sustained in training) and looked rusty. Sierra, who once challenged Francisco Quiroz for the WBA junior flyweight title, was even worse.

Former Panamanian lightweight champion Julio Pastor Ruiz, 134½, TKO'd Mario Moreno, 135, at 2:15 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Moreno is now 9-1-1. Julio Cesar Alvarado, referee.

Fernando Sanchez, 140, Dominican Republic, TKO'd David Harper, 142½, at 3:00 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Eliezerr Perez, referee.

Jose Manuel Perez, 107¾, won a split decision over Simon Pinto, 108, four.

Silverio Barcenas, 106¼, and debuting Julio Cesar Torres, 108, drew, four.

Daniel Jovany, 113¾, stopped Jose Guerra, 113½, at 0:50 of the second in their scheduled four.
(06-14-86)

JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**MAR DE AJO**—Jorge (Violín) Salgado won the vacant South American light heavyweight title by halting Chilean Miguel (Foreman) Cea in eight.
(02-05-86)

▶**POSADAS**—Rubén Verdún outpointed Ramón Collado, 10, junior welters.
(02-06-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Darío Matteoni, managed by former world champion Carlos Monzón, won the vacant Argentine middleweight title by stopping Miguel Maldonado in five.
(02-07-86)

▶**SANTA ROSA**—Ramón Abeldaño and Roberto Gadea drew, 10, welters.
(02-07-86)

▶**CHAJARI**—Raúl Venturelli outpointed Daniel Guibaudo, 10, heavyweights.
(02-07-86)

▶**MAR DE AJO**—Enrique Areco outpointed Luciano Ploner, 10, junior middleweights.
(02-12-86)

▶**SALTA**—Rubén Condorí halted Juan Ivalo in seven, bantamweights.
(02-12-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Pedro Décima outclassed Antonio Ibáñez, 10, junior featherweights.
(02-14-86)

▶**CERES**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán returned to the ring to knock Juan Carlos Fernández out in the second, light heavyweights.
(02-14-86)

▶**SALTA**—Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo halted Francisco Cardoza in the first, welters.
(02-18-86)

▶**MAR DE AJO**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez outpointed Raúl Gómez, 10.
(02-18-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Ramón (Potro) Ramos retained his Argentine junior middleweight title by halting Carlos Víctor Velazquez in the 10th.
(02-21-86)

▶**LAFERRERE**—Raúl Venturelli halted Pedro Cichero in six, heavyweights.
(02-21-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Argentine junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas outpointed Patricio Gil, 10.
(02-28-86)

▶**BOSQUET**—Hugo Corti halted Juan Carlos Ceballos in eight, middleweights.
(02-28-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Juan Martín (Látigo) Coggi stopped Sergio Brites in five, junior welterweights.
(03-07-86)

▶**SANTA FE**—Jorge (Violín) Salgado halted Jacinto Fernández in eight to retain his Argentine light heavyweight title.
(03-07-86)

▶**SANTA ROSA**—Unbeaten junior middleweight Hugo Marinangeli stopped Carlos Avila in the first round.
(03-07-86)

▶**TRELEW**—Ramón Soria outpointed (technical decision) Hipólito Nuñez in five, junior lightweights.
(03-07-86)

▶**PARANA**—Juan Carlos Portela outclassed Daniel Guibaudo, 10, cruiserweights.
(03-07-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo won the Argentine welterweight title by outpointing Ramón Abeldaño, 12.
(03-08-86)

▶**GENERAL MADARIAGA**—Young light heavyweights prospects Sergio Merani and Miguel Mosna drew, 10.
(03-08-86)

▶**CORONEL PRINGLES**—Daniel Neto won by disqualification over Argentine and South American cruiserweight titleholder Héctor Rohr in two.
(03-08-86)

▶**ESQUEL**—Veteran welterweight Hugo Luero outpointed Antonio René Juárez, 10.
(03-14-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez outpointed Luis F. Rodriguez, 10.
(03-14-86)

▶**ROSARIO**—Middleweight prospect Hugo Corti outpointed veteran light heavyweight Eduardo Contreras, 10.
(03-14-86)

▶**JUSTINIANO POSSE**—Argentine junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas outpointed Ramón Horacio Albers, 10.
(03-14-86)

▶**SALTA**—Rubén Condorí halted Chilean Guillermo Manriquez in six, junior bantamweights.
(03-14-86)

▶**RAFAELA**—Jorge Dáscola knocked out Alberto Barragán in the fifth, heavyweights.
(03-21-86)

▶**SALTA**—Argentine welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo outpointed Domingo Sosa, 10.
(03-21-86)

▶**GOYA**—Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Lucio (Metralleta) López halted Brazilian Valdevino Monteiro in the first.
(03-21-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Faustino Barrios retained his Argentine junior lightweight title by outpointing Petro Armando Gutierrez, 12.
(03-22-86)

▶**VILLA ANGELA**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán halted Angel (Cacho) Caro in six, light heavyweights.
(03-29-86)

▶**SAN JUAN**—Ramón Jara outpointed Osvaldo Díaz, 10, junior welters.
(04-02-86)

▶**MENDOZA**—José Mario López outpointed Ricardo Gil, 10, feathers.
(04-04-86)

▶**SAN NICOLAS**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez halted Fidel Avila in two.
(04-04-86)

▶**COSQUIN**—Juan Carlos Cortés outpointed Armando Romero, 12, to win the Cordoba State junior featherweight title.
(04-04-86)

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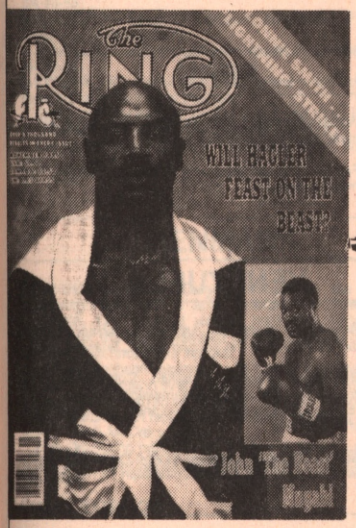

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▶**RIO TERCERO**—Jorge Dáscola outpointed Walter Masseroni, 8, heavies.
(04-04-86)
▶**PARANA**—Juan Carlos Portela outclassed veteran Guillermo Aguirrezabala, 10, cruiserweights.
(04-04-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Juan Martin (Látigo) Coggi outpointed Chilean Edesio Molina Ortiz, 10, junior welterweights.
(04-05-86)
▶**SALTA**—Rubén Condorí, in a superb performance, won the Argentine junior bantamweight title by outpointing Gustavo Ballas, 12.
(04-11-86)
▶**ROSARIO**—Rising middleweight Hugo Corti outpointed Néstor Albarracín, 10.
(04-11-86)
▶**NUEVE DE JULIO**—Argentine and South American champion Jorge (Violín) Salgado was outpointed by veteran Eduardo Contreras, 10, non-title bout.
(04-11-86)
▶**RAFAELA**—Rising light heavyweight Néstor Giovannini halted Chilean Miguel (Foreman) Cea in seven.
(04-11-86)
▶**SANTA ROSA**—Unbeaten junior middleweight Hugo Marinangeli halted Alberto Heredia in four.
(04-11-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Veteran Hugo Luero and K.O. artist Marcelo Di Crocce drew, 10, welters.
(04-12-86)
▶**BALCARCE**—Héctor Patri outpointed Juan Ivalo, 10, flyweights.
(04-12-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández retained his Argentine junior welterweight title by halting Adolfo Arce Rossi in three.
(04-18-86)
▶**SAN PEDRO DE JUJUY**—Veteran Argentine and South American lightweight champion Jesús Romero retained his continental crown by outpointing Chilean Oscar (Monzón) Benavidez, 12.
(04-18-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Adrián Román retained his Argentine flyweight title by halting José Cufré in three.
(04-18-86)
▶**TUCUMAN**—Cruiserweights Victor Robledo and José Helguera drew, 10.
(04-18-86)
▶**ROSARIO**—Sergio Combis outpointed Antonio Ricardo Juárez, 10, welterweights.
(04-18-86)
▶**PERGAMINO**—Uruguayan José María Flores Burlón halted Hugo Ruffino in three, cruiserweights.
(04-18-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Jorge Dáscola halted Raúl Venturelli in the first round, heavyweights.
(04-25-86)
▶**BANFIELD**—Argentine junior middleweight champion Ramón (Potro) Ramos won the South American crown by outpointing Brazilian Francisco (Chiquinho) De Jesús, 12.
(04-30-86)
▶**SANTA ROSA**—Hugo Marinangeli halted Fernando Soto in four, junior middleweights.
(05-02-86)
▶**TRES ARROYOS**—Miguel Lazarte outpointed Roberto Ledesma, 10, junior flyweights.
(05-08-86)
▶**SAN JUAN**—José Mario López and Hipólito Núñez drew, 10, feathers.

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Rising Marcelo Di Crocce outpointed veteran Simón Escobar, 10, welters.
(05-09-86)
▶**CONCEPCION DEL URUGUAY**—Flyweight Ramón Horacio Albers outpointed junior bantamweight Juan Carlos Cortés, 10.
(05-09-86)
▶**RIO TERCERO**—Ramón Abeldaño halted César Pérez, eight, welters.
(05-09-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Lightweight Alberto Mercedes Cortés outclassed Ricardo (Bolita) Espinoza, 10.
(05-09-86)
▶**SAN JUSTO**—Carlos del Valle Herrera outpointed Domingo Sosa, 10, junior middleweights.
(05-09-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—In an excellent fight, Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán outpointed Argentine and South American light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violín) Salgado, 10.
(05-10-86)
▶**CORONEL PRINGLES**—Cruiserweights Daniel Neto and Victor Robledo drew, 10.
(05-10-86)
▶**SAN PEDRO**—Lorenzo García outpointed José Saldivia, 10, junior welterweights.
(05-16-86)
▶**SALTA**—Rubén Condorí outpointed Héctor Patri, 10, flyweights.
(05-16-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández retained his Argentine junior welterweight title by halting Ramón Jara in seven.
(05-17-86)
▶**ROSARIO**—Hugo Luero knocked out Sergio Combis in the eighth, welters.
(05-23-86)
▶**SAN JUAN**—Argentine middleweight champion Darío Matteoni stopped Chilean Roberto Iluffi in two.
(05-23-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Lucio (Metralleta) López outclassed former world challenger Venezuelan Edgar Román, 10.
(05-24-86)
▶**NECOCHEA**—Former South American middleweight and light heavyweight champion José María Flores Burlón of Uruguay won the South American cruiserweight crown by knocking out Héctor Rohr in four.
(05-24-86)
▶**PARANA**—Juan Carlos Fernández halted Daniel Guibaudo in five, light heavyweights.
(05-30-86)
▶**SALTA**—Argentine welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo stopped Juan Carlos Ortiz in the first round.
(05-30-86)
▶**TRES ARROYOS**—Miguel Lazarte outpointed Ricardo Escobar, junior flyweights.
(06-06-86)
▶**VILLA MARIA**—José Cufré outpointed Ramón Horacio Albers, 10, flyweights.
(06-06-86)
▶**TUCUMAN**—José Helguera outpointed Víctor Robledo, 10, cruiserweights.
(06-06-86)
▶**ROSARIO**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez was disqualified against Miguel Francia in 10.
(06-06-86)
▶**SAN JUAN**—Ricardo Gil and Ramón Soria drew, 10, feathers.
(06-06-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Unbeaten lightweight Alberto Mercedes Cortes outpointed Miguel Angel Pereyra, 10.
(06-06-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—South American middleweight champion Paraguayan Juan Carlos Gimenez halted Carlos del Valle Herrera in three.
(06-07-86)
▶**COSQUIN**—Juan Carlos Cortes outpointed Carlos Laciar, 10, junior feathers.
(06-07-86)
▶**MONTE CASEROS**—Angel (Cacho) Caro outpointed Enrique Coronel, 10, light heavyweights.
(06-07-86)
▶**RIO TERCERO**—Former WBA flyweight champion Santos (Falucho) Laciar returned to action after 13 months of inactivity and outpointed Chilean Jaime Miranda, 10, in an excellent performance.
(06-07-86)

BRAZIL

▶**SAO PAULO**—Clarismundo Silva drew with Pedro Ferrero to retain his Brazilian light heavyweight title, 10.
Benedicto Nuñez halted José Carlos Dos Santos in seven, junior welterweights.
(02-11-86)
▶**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian and South American heavyweight champion José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues stopped Turkish Verat Akoba in three.
Francisco Tomás da Cruz outpointed Argentine José Cubillas, 10, junior lightweights.
Danilo Batista outpointed Valdevino Monteiro, eight, junior feathers.
(03-02-86)
▶**SAO PAULO**—Claudemir Carvalho Dias halted Chilean José Badilla in eight, flyweights.
(04-05-86)
▶**SAO PAULO**—Francisco Tomás da Cruz outpointed Argentine José Cubillas, 10, junior lightweights.
(04-20-86)
▶**SAO PAULO**—Paulo Ribeiro won by disqualification over Francisco Wilson Goncalvez, Junior bantamweights.
(05-03-86)
▶**SAO PAULO**—South American heavyweight champion José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues halted Argentine champion Walter Daniel Falconi in seven.
Rui Barboza Bonfim won by disqualification in seven over Clarismundo Silva to win the Brazilian light heavyweight title.
Elio Santana Lima halted Ubaldo Figuereido in the first, junior middleweights.
Claudemir Carvalho Dias halted Argentine Jorge Olivera in two, flyweights.
(05-18-86)
▶**PORTO ALEGRE**—Valdevino Monteiro retained his Brazilian junior featherweight title by outpointing Danilo Batista, 10.
(05-27-86)

CHILE

▶**SAN FELIPE**—Cardenio Ulloa halted Peruvian Juan García in the second, bantamweights.
(02-28-86)
▶**CURICO**—Cardenio Ulloa outpointed Argentine Esteban Bustos, 10, bantamweights.
(03-21-86)
▶**ANTOFAGASTA**—Cardenio Ulloa won the Latin American bantamweight title by halting Benito Badilla in four.
(04-30-86)

COLOMBIA

▶**BOGOTA**—Luis (Pulgarcito) González halted American Johnny Atkins in the first, heavyweights.
(04-26-86)

PARAGUAY

▶**ASUNCION**—Domingo Guzmán outpointed Carlos Escurra, 12, to win the Paraguayan lightweight title.
(03-25-86)

PERU

▶**LIMA**—Welterweight Fernando (Rocco) Castro drew with veteran Argentine Juan Barboza, 10.
(02-12-86)
▶**LIMA**—Fermín Guzmán drew with Argentine Enrique Areco, 10, junior middleweights.
(04-09-86)

VENEZUELA

▶**TURNERO**—World contender Antonio Esparragoza halted Puerto Rican José Ortiz in the second round, featherweights.
(02-17-86)
▶**TURNERO**—Israel Contreras halted Colombian Miguel (Ratón) Pérez in the first, junior bantamweights.
Antonio Esparragoza stopped Panamanian Bernardo Checa in the second, feathers.
(03-22-86)
▶**PORLAMAR**—Fulgencio Obelmejías won the Latin American light heavyweight title by outpointing Colombian Tomás Polo, 12.
(05-30-86)

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EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▶**VIENNA**—Jurgen Himmler and Mwilambwe Tshikala drew, six, light welterweights.
(03-15-86)

BELGIUM

▶**IZEGEM**—Safir Digibele outpointed Al Syben, eight. (This is a correction to a result printed in the May issue of *The Ring*.)
(12-25-85)
▶**MOLENBEEK—ST. JEAN**—Sailor Philippe Parent returned to the ring after five years at sea by outpointing Bechir Chaarane, six, light middles.
Eric Taton halted Rene Dere on cuts in round four, light middles.
Maurice Naveau outpointed Fabian Chapelle, six, welterweights.
(03-17-86)
▶**IXELLES**—Yves Mosnier went to 8-0 by outpointing Ahcene Reffas, six, light heavies.
Gaston Cool stopped William Caribeaux, who retired at the end of four, light middles.
(03-21-86)
▶**BELGRADE**—Fabian Chapelle outpointed Abdel Karrimalha, six, welters.
(04-04-86)
▶**LEUVEN**—Gaston Cool outscored Philippe Parent, six, light middles.
(04-05-86)
▶**COURCELLES**—Serge Meyers outscored Alain Baudechon, six, welterweights.
(04-05-86)
▶**MOLENBEEK—ST. JEAN**—Jimmy Bartes outscored Maurice Naveaux, six, welters.
Kid Taylor stopped Rafael Salamone, who retired at the start of the third session.
(04-12-86)
▶**BRUGGE**—Freddy DeMeulenaere outpointed Amar Dahmoun, six, light welters.
(04-13-86)
▶**BRUSTEM—Brustem Air Base**—Jean-Marc Renard retained his European junior lightweight crown by knocking out fast Fernando Rodriguez of Spain with body punches in round eight.
Fernando Blanco retained his Belgian lightweight crown by stopping Julio Garcia in round eight.
Jesus Fernandez won the Belgian light middleweight title by outpointing 35-year-old Franky DeCaestecker, 10. Fernandez

took a count in the last inning as DeCaestecker tried for a last ditch kayo.

Jose Seys retained his Belgian light heavyweight title when stablemate Eddy Vandenhouweele retired in round nine.

Patrick Boon outpointed Jimmy Gourad, six, light middles. The 23-year-old Boon is now 9-0-1, the draw against Gourad.
(04-18-86)

▶**BRESSOUX**—Roberto Zorzetto outpointed Patrick Van Gaver, six, featherweights.

Abdel Karrimalha stopped Rene Dere on a cut at the end of five.
(04-28-86)

▶**ETTERBEEK**—Bachir Chaarane halted previously unbeaten Gaston Cool in two, light heavies.

Gino DeGraeve halted Eric Taton in round three in a battle of undefeated light middles. DeGraeve is now 9-0-2.

Maurice Naveau outpointed Alain Baudechon, six, light middles.
(05-01-86)

DENMARK

▶**RANDERS**—Steffen Tangstad regained the European heavyweight title with a split decision over late sub John Westgarth, 12. Tangstad was to have met Andre van den Oetelaar for the crown vacated by Frank Bruno, but the hard punching Dutchman was injured.

Gert Bo Jacobsen retained his European lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Italian veteran Alfredo Raininger, 12. Jacobsen fought with an injured leg from round nine to the finish.

Former European heavyweight champion Anders Eklund outscored Glenn McCrory, eight.

John Odhiambo halted Jonjo Greene in seven, cruisers.

John Mortensen outpointed Bobby Williams, six, light heavies.
(04-18-86)

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7. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
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9. Guido Trane (Italy)
10. Rudi Pika (Great Britain)

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8. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
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FRANCE

▶**BIARRITZ**—Jean-Marc Martinez outscored Thierry Warda, six, light welters.
(02-07-86)

▶**VILLEURBANNE**—Madjid Madjoub outpointed Youcef Yahiaoui, six, welters.

Josef Kassongo outpointed Baoua Alfonzoui, six, middles.
(02-07-86)

▶**LILLE**—Top French middleweight Pierre-Frank Winterstein stopped Tony Britton in seven.

Spanish light welterweight Fernando Blanco outscored veteran Carlos Foldes, six.

Former amateur star Thierry Jacob stopped Eloi Kiroffo in two, bantams.

Michael Moukory outpointed Djillali Diallo, eight, middles.

Roland Leclerq outscored Nordine Dhamani, six, light welters.
(02-08-86)

▶**CHANTILLY**—Pierre Renout outpointed Serge Bolivard, six, light heavies.

Norbert Alcade outscored Benadi Aarab, six, lightweights.
(02-08-86)

▶**COMPIEGNE**—Farid Benredjeb stopped Rafael Blance, who retired after six rounds, feathers.
(02-08-86)

▶**PARIS**—Marc Ruocco made it 25 wins (and 22 kayoes) by halting Epid Secevic in round three, light middles.

Louis Gomis remained undefeated with a points win over Francisco Garcia, eight, bantams.

Jean-Paul Roux outpointed Jean-Victor Santoncini, eight, light middles.

Boubacar Sanogo and Fred Voltine, drew, six, heavyweights.

Mohamed Ounes and Saci Hamani drew, six, light welters.
(02-10-86)

▶**STOUEN**—Louis Pergaud outpointed former European heavyweight champion Lucien Rodriquez, eight.

Pierre-Frank Winterstein continued his winning run with a points win over Willie Wright, eight, middles.

Daniel Londas halted Jose (Kid) Garcia, eight, lights.
(02-21-86)

▶**MARSEILLES**—Former European light heavyweight champion Richard Caramanolis halted Stuart Robinson, who retired in round four.

Olivier Kemayou outpointed Denis Truchet, six.
(02-21-86)

▶**HYERES**—Robert Forneris halted Gilles Beaurain, who retired after five rounds, lightweights.

Jean-Pierre Mariani outscored Jean Jacques Francisque, six, middleweights.
(02-22-86)

▶**SAINT-DENIS**—Fabien Khordi stopped Jean-Michel Riviere in three, middles.

Bruno Bouchard halted Nasser Ould Mohand, light welters. The towel was thrown in during the fourth round.
(03-08-86)

▶**CHAVANNES**—Swiss-domiciled Italian Mauro Martelli made it 14 wins by forcing Franky DeCaestecker to retire in round five.

Fernando Blanco stopped light welter Michel Giroud, who retired in round five.
(03-09-86)

▶**BORDEAUX**—Tough light heavyweight Rufino Angulo outpointed Aneurin Williams, eight.

Jean-Baptiste Mendy moved up to light welterweight by stopping Rafael Sanchez Munoz in four. The 23-year-old Senegalese southpaw is now 15-2-2.

Tek N'kalankete retained his French light welter title by knocking out Karim Rabbi in round three.

Amar Dahmoun outscored Francis Aparicio, six, lightweights.
(03-14-86)

▶**JOUE-LES-TOURS**—Jo Araka outscored Jean-Max Delnard, eight, light heavies.

Jean-Marie Mauny outpointed Pat Garcia, six, light middles.
(03-15-86)

▶**COMPIEGNE**—Farid Benredjeb stopped Mohamed Maalem in the first round, featherweights.
(03-15-86)

▶**PARIS**—Frank Winterstein won again,, this time by outpointing Bruce Jackson, eight.

Louis Gomis went to 9-0-1 by outpointing Jean-Pierre Di-Bateza, eight.

Thierry Jacob knocked out German Nunez in the first round, bantams.

Philippe Binante outpointed Gilles Beaurain, six, lightweights.
Omar Mohammed outscored Mohamed Ounes, six, light welters.
(03-17-86)

▶**ORLEANS**—Marc Amand won the French featherweight crown by stopping Farid Gallouze in nine.
(03-21-86)

▶**PARIS**—Antoine Fernandez outpointed Alain Cuvillier, six, welters.
(03-24-86)

▶**TARBES**—Pierre Joly retained his French middleweight title with a clear points verdict over Jose Rosemain, 10. Rosemain was down in the fourth and took a standing eight-count in the last frame.
(04-04-86)

▶**BORDEAUX**—Promising Alain Simoes won the French lightweight crown by stopping Frederic Geoffrey in nine.
Jean Baptiste Mandy stopped Michel Siracusa, who retired with a hand injury in the sixth round, light welters.
(04-05-86)

▶**BOULOGNE**—Southpaw bantamweight Thierry Jacob knocked out Kevin Downer in the fifth round.
Bruno Jacob, brother of Thierry, halted Francis Aparicio in round four, feathers.
(04-05-86)

▶**AJACCIO**—French dynamo Alain Limarola stopped Italian flyweight Mario Bitetto in five.
(04-05-86)

▶**TOURCOING**—Veteran Carlos Foldes broke young Rachid Hadjeras' jaw and stopped him in the third round, light welters.
(04-05-86)

▶**ANTIBES**—Said Skouma retained his European light middleweight title by stopping Angelo Liquori in the eighth round of a scheduled 12. Skouma is now 19-2. .
Jo Araka won an upset verdict over Rufino Angulo, eight, light heavies. Araka is now 15-2-1.
Middleweight prospect Jean-Noel Camara outscored Paul Tchoue, eight. Camara is now 6-0. Tchoue is 21-3.
Jose Maillot outscored Dario Bruno, eight, light welters.
Imed Kechiche stopped Saci Hamani in five, light welters.
(04-10-86)

▶**JOINVILLE**—Mohamed Bourahla outscored Patirck Beaudet, six, welterweights.
Jean Victor Santoncini outpointed Jose Bastient, six, middles.
(04-11-86)

▶**ST. BRIEUC**—Anaclet Wamba outscored Chris Jacobs, eight, heavies.
(04-12-86)

▶**ROUEN**—Belaid Khaldi halted Norbert Alcade in two, lightweights.
Michel Moukory stopped Olivier Gervais in four, middleweights.
(04-12-86)

▶**MONTPELLIER**—Assane Sebhi halted Alphonse Zohi in four, middles.
(04-12-86)

▶**PARIS**—Marc Ruocco moved to 26-0 by knocking out Dennis Johnson in three.
Joel Brival and Ace Rusevski drew, eight, welterweights.
Zaire light middle Wa Mbayo knocked out Helier Custos in round two.
Frederic Seiller outpointed Robert Dormoy, six, light middles.
Mohamed Ounes halted Serge Boymond in round two, light welters.
(04-14-86)

▶**MARSEILLES**—Richard Caramanolis retained his French light heavyweight title by stopping Pierre Kabassu on cuts in round six. Caramanolis has lost only one of 32 professional bouts.
Toufik Balbouli won the vacant French heavyweight crown by stopping Damiens Marignan on a cut in the third.
(04-18-86)

▶**MASSY**—William Caribeaux outpointed Abder Laachira, six, middles.
Alain Barlier outscored Ahcene Reffas, six, heavyweights.
(04-18-86)

▶**VILLEURBANNE**—Madjib Madjoub halted Maurice Denis in round four, light welters.
Saadli Mechiche outscored Luis Machuca, six, lightweights.
(04-18-86)

▶**ST. QUENTIN**—Jean-Paul Roux outpointed Felix DiCiocco, six, light middles.
Boubekeur Cherif stopped Alain Cuvillier in six, welters.
(04-19-86)

▶**PARIS**—Antoine Fernandez outscored Nordine Dahmani, six, welters.
(04-21-86)

▶**APT**—Jean-Pierre DiBateza outscored Abdel Diane, six, feathers.
(04-21-86)

▶**EVREUX**—Lionel Jean stopped Lionel Favel in the fourth round in the finals of the French National bantamweight tournament.
(04-26-86)

▶**CALAIS**—The southpaw twins won again, as Thierry Jacob beat Mohamed Bouras on a third round retirement and Bruno Jacob outscored Jean-Pierre Chartier, six.
(04-26-86)

▶**FLEURANCE**—Former amateur star Jean Duarte halted Abdou Ba, who retired in round four, light welterweights.
(04-26-86)

▶**ST. OUEN**—Daniel Londas climbed off the canvas in round five to retain his French junior lightweight title by outboxing Maurice Vivies, 10. The 32-year-old Londas is now 38-4, with 11 wins in a row.
Frank Winterstein stayed busy by stopping Brian Anderson in eight.
Bantam Louis Gomis outscored Haidar Nourredine, eight.
Heavyweight Jean (Tano) Weis stopped Jean Chanet in one.
Abdel Chahboune stopped Belaid Khaldi in five, lightweights.
Pascal Tormos halted Gilles Beaurain in round one, light welters.
(04-28-86)

▶**PARIS**—Akim Zeroual outpointed Assane Sebhi, six, in the finals of the French National middleweight tournament.
(05-05-86)

ERIC ARMIT

GERMANY

▶**BERLIN**—Youngsters of the 110,000 Turkish community in Berlin take their sport seriously, and those who are members of local boxing clubs were disappointed when they found they could no longer compete for Berlin titles, where victories would give them chances for German championships. Turkish businessman Fikri Yaramaz and professional boxer Vedat Akova formed *Turk Profesyonel Boks Berlin* in opposition to this ban, and the BDB, the Germany ruling body, readily recognized it as a member. The first show was financially a flop, with the venue only half full.
Vedat Akova and Belo Moano, Zaire, drew, eight, light heavies.
Lightweight Senturk Ozdemir made his pro debut with a third round TKO over Austria's Gerhard Findenig.
Light welterweight Aytyhin Urkal debuted by outpointing Klaus Hein, four.
Middleweight Ramazan Ongun made his debut with a second round TKO over Teddy Jansen.
Light heavyweight Selami Karakelle outscored Mladen Grubisic, Yugoslavia, four.
Promoter—Fikri Yaramaz.
Matchmaker—Helmut Slomke.
Attendance—500 (estimated).
(05-02-86)

▶**KASSEL**—German light heavyweight champion Manfred Jassmann, 33, who promoted this show along with the Kassell Box Team, not only participated in the main event, but also filled the matchmaker's spot when the original man was indisposed. Jassmann, who has lost only two of his 30 pro bouts, also did corner work for some of his fellow Germans.
Jassmann, 184, halted Curtis Jones, 194, Holland, a southpaw, in round six, when Jones retired with a fractured right.
Salvador Yanez, 144, Chile, based in Germany since 1978, outpointed Klaus Hein, 144½, four.
Bern Kulle, 181½, went to 2-0 by outscoring debutant Kurt Steiger, 183, four. Steiger was down in the first. Michael Fischer, referee.
Uz Bilgi, Turkey, who won 40 of 48 amateur bouts, stopped Harold Shulte, 169, in round three. Referee Peter Mueller stepped in after Shulte had been down twice.
Paddy Pipa, 146¼, outpointed Al Cinar, 147½, four.
Werner Pelz, 197½, outscored Siegfried Kohler, 186¼, four. Referee Fischer gave Kohler a rest after a suspected foul blow.
Promoter—Kassel Box Team.
Matchmaker—Manfred Jassmann.
Attendance—700 (estimated).
(05-10-86)

▶**BAD HOMBURG—Tennis Bar**—Rene Weller, 135, retained his German lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Konrad Mittermeier, 134¾, 10. The 24-year-old Mittermeier's shoulder was responsible for a cut near Weller's left eye. The challenger injured his right hand in round seven.
Theo Hauser, 129¾, won the German junior lightweight title with a split decision over defending champion Georg Vlachos, 129½, 10. Vlachos took a standing eight-count from referee Georg Grabarz.
Al Malcolm, 212, Great Britain, halted German heavyweight champion Thomas Classen, 224, in five. Classen was decked in the fatal session, and was in no position to defend himself when referee Kurt Stroer called a halt. The German is now 15-2-2.
German middleweight champion Graziano Rocchigiani, 171½, a southpaw, knocked out Ian Lazarus, 174½, Great Britain, with a left hook to the chin in the eighth round. Georg Grabarz, referee. Lazarus had never been stopped in 24 previous bouts.
Michael Simuwelu, 220, Zambia, kayoed Ivon Matekovic, Yugoslavia, in the second.
Promoter/Matchmaker—Ebby Thust.
Attendance—400 (estimated).
(05-12-86)

JACK A. TREE

ITALY

▶**MILAN**—Luigi Minchillo continued his comeback with an eight-round verdict over Jim Shavers at middleweight.
Flyweight Luigi Camputaro outscored Abdel Diane, six.
Argentine welterweight Carlos Prieto and Sabiyala Diavilla drew in a good eight.
Olympian Francesco Damiani halted Tom Trimm in two for his ninth pro win.
Fellow Olympian Angelo Musone outscored 35-year-old Louis Pergaud, eight, for pro win number 12.
Middleweight Edmundo Buttiglione went to 17-1-1 by outpointing Mosimo Maeleke, six.
Valerio Nati halted Steve Cleak in four. Nati is now 33-3-4 and, with 11 wins in a row, is hoping for a shot at the IBF junior featherweight title.
(02-14-86)

▶**MONTECATINI**—Angelo (Boom Boom) Liquori won the Italian light middleweight title by stopping the defending title holder, Guiseppe Leto, in round eight.
Olympian Romulo Casamonica went to 8-0-2 by stopping Oronzo Oggiano in two, welters.
Light middleweight Costantino Padovano Lacche halted Patrick Garcia in four.
Light welter Gianquinto Vercella halted Vanga Wete in round one.
(02-22-86)

▶**COSENZA**—Ciro De Leva retained his European bantamweight title with a very debatable majority (118-116, 118-115, 118-118) decision over Ray Gilbody, 12. De Leva is now 22-2-1.
Chris Jacobs outpointed Daniel Falconi, the overrated Argentine heavyweight, eight.
Alessandro De Santis outscored Freddie Cruz, six, bantams.
Mauro Galvano halted Gabriele Lazzari in four, cruisers.
Nazario Mariotti outpointed Guiseppe Cali, six, light middles.
(02-26-86)

▶**BUDRIO**—Alessandro Duran stopped Leonardo Pompa in three, welters.
(02-28-86)

▶**LATINA**—Francesco Prezioso won the vacant Italian light welter title by outpointing previously unbeaten Salvatore Nardino, 10. Prezioso, a nice boxer with no punch, is now 19-2-4.
Paolo Agostinelli outscored Musango Ngeleka, six, light welters.
(02-28-86)

▶**CASALECCHIO**—Marco Rinaldo stopped Visesio Siomeo in four, light heavies.
(02-28-86)

▶**RIMINI**—Luigi Minchillo was back in action with a points win over Kno Brown of Memphis, eight.
Romulo Casamonica stopped Rafael Fuentes in three.
Olympic gold medalist Maurizio Stecca halted Jose Luis Vicho in round three, feathers.
Elisio Galici went to 16-0 by stopping Claude Lancastre in the third round, welters.
Cruiserweight Emanuele Zaghini outscored Alain Barlier, six.
(03-07-86)

▶**VERCELLI**—Maurizio Lupino won the vacant Italian bantamweight title by stopping Antonio Picardi on cuts in round seven.
Argentine middleweight Roberto Ruiz outscored Mabobo Kamunga, eight.
Heavyweight prospect Alfredo Mason won by a disqualification over Jean Chanet in six.
Light welterweight Rinaldo Cacchioni outpointed Gianquinto Vercella, four.
(03-07-86)

▶**SPOLETO**—Noe Cruciani knocked out Juan Saavedra in round three, light heavies.
Commisse Gueblaoui outscored Teodoro Rosina, six, lightweights.
Luigi Perazzi outpointed Raimondo Riccio, six, welterweights.
(03-07-86)

▶**SAN PRISCO**—Angelo Bizzaro and Mbeke Za Dimbia drew, six, lightweights.
(03-09-86)

▶**FERRARA**—Daniele Zappaterra outpointed Piero Spadaccini, eight, welterweights.
Luigi Lagrasta outscored Sergio Bologna, six, lightweights.
Nicola Parrino outpointed Stanko Suhadolnik, six, welters.
(03-14-86)

▶**PARMA**—Salvatore Curcetti won the vacant Italian junior lightweight title with a unanimous (116-114, 116-115, 115-114) decision over Antonio Renzo, 12.
Angelo Quinones flattened Rosario Casartelli in the first round, lightweights.
(03-21-86)

▶**PAVIA**—Carlo Quintano outscored Ley Umba Sengi, eight, feathers.
Vincenzo Belcastro outscored Jean Paul Guillard, six, bantamweights.
Freddy Cruz and Paziente Adobati drew, six, featherweights.
(03-21-86)

▶**CASSINO**—Marco Cordeschi won by a disqualification over Angelo Quintavalle in three, lightweights.
Raffaele Grasso outpointed Neziri Baskim, six, featherweights.
(03-22-86)

▶**CASTELNUOVO RANGONE**—Costantino Padovano Lacche stopped Ernesto Ros in four, light middles.
(03-28-86)

▶**FALCONARA**—Rising featherweight Vincenzo Limatola halted Kevin Pritchard in seven.
Eupremio Epifani went to 23-3-1 by outpointing Piero Spadacchini, eight, welters.
Light welterweight Lorenzo Giappone outpointed Dindia Za Mbeke, six.
(03-29-86)

▶**FOGGIA**—Aldo Gesualdo won by a disqualification over Ngindola Engote in four, light middles.
(04-05-86)

▶**SCANDICCI**—Alessandro Scapecchi stopped Francesco Galli in four, welters.
Andrea Scardigli outscored Kabunda Kamanga, six, light middles.
(04-11-86)

▶**ROVIGO**—Marco Rinaldo outscored Luigi DiLauro, eight, light heavies.
Alberto Castellacci halted Dusan Cavic in two, middles.
Antonio Giaciglio outpointed Stanko Suhadolnik, six, welters.
(04-12-86)

▶**CENTO**—Mwilambwe Tshikala stopped Guiseppe Tidu in three, lightweights.
Guiseppe De Luca outscored Angelo Quintavalle, six, lights.
Maurizio DiRuggero outpointed Leonardo Pompa, six, light welters.
(04-12-86)

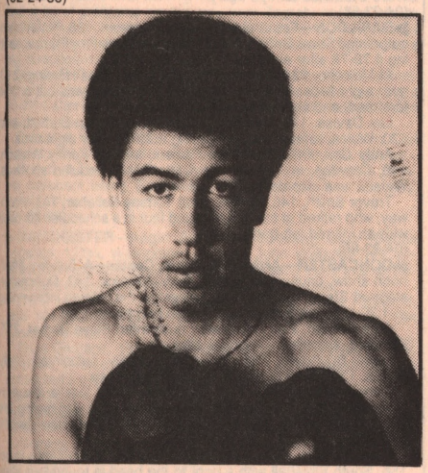
▶**AREZZO**—Efrem Calamati stopped Yebbar Abdel in three, light welters.
Nicola Parrino halted Jose Cupar in four, welterweights.
Giovanni Cannizzo outscored Folly Muyanga, six, light middles.
(04-18-86)

▶**SAN REMO**—Lee Roy Murphy, 189, Chicago, Ill., retained his IBF cruiserweight crown by knocking out Dorcey Gaymon, 188½,

Jacksonville, Fla., with a left and a right in 2:31 of the ninth round in a scheduled 15. Murphy is now 24-0 with 21 knockouts.
Italian heavyweight champion Angelo Rottli outscored Narciso Maldonado, eight.
Britain's Tom Collins kayoed Uganda's Yawe Davis in the third session, light heavies. Quite an upset.
Noe Cruciani outscored Ian Lazarus, eight, light heavyweights.
Giovanni DeMarco outpointed Giovanni Martorina, eight, middleweights.
Mauro Galvan outscored Joseph Kassongo, six, middles.
(04-19-86)
▶**GARBAGNATE**—Efisio Galici knocked out Hughes Samo in round two, welterweights. Galici is now 17-0.
Edmondo Buttiglione outpointed Mabobo Kamunga, six, middles.
(04-24-86)
▶**LUCCA**—Gary Hinton won the vacant IBF junior welterweight title by outpointing the Dominican Republic's Reyes Cruz, 15.
Valerio Nati outscored southpaw John Farrell, Liverpool, England, eight, bantams.
Andrea Scardigli outscored Kabunda Kamanga, four, light middles. Scardigli is now 12-0.
Pietro Ciarla won by a disqualification over Giovanni Carrino in five, welters.
Claudio Nitti stopped Ley Umba Sengi in six, junior lights.
(04-26-86)
▶**FERRARA**—Alessandro Duran outscored Mwembo Kitenge, six, welterweights.
(05-02-86)
▶**SALERNO**—Vincenzo Limatola won the vacant Italian featherweight title by outpointing Carlo Quintano, 12. The 23-year-old Limatola is now 13-0 as a professional.
Renato Biagio Zurlo went to 7-0 by outpointing Ngindola Engote, six, welterweights.
Alessandro Crisafulli halted Joaquin Velasquez in two, welters.
Vincenzo Belcastro outpointed Makaya Kotey, four, bantams.
Mauro Galvano outscored Ndomingied Lusikina, four, light heavies.
(05-08-86)
▶**SASSARI**—Luigi Minchillo moved down to light middleweight and stopped Ken Shannon in two. The 30-year-old Italian is now 48-4 with 30 kayoes.
Maurizio Stecca chalked up his 15th win by outpointing John Maloney, eight.
Efisio Galici halted Jose Maria Castillo in two, welters.
Luigi Camputaro outscored Jose Juarez, six, flyweights.
Fabrice Benichou stopped Abdel Diane, four, bantams.
(05-09-86)
▶**NARDO**—Alessandro Scapecchi outscored Faical Naifer, six, light welters.
Luigi Lagrasta outscored Conmisse Gueblaoui, four, light welters.
(05-10-86)
▶**CROTONE**—Alessandro De Santis stopped Claudio Tanda in four, bantams.
(05-10-86)

NETHERLANDS

▶**ARNHEIM**—Dutch heavyweight Maik Krol easily outpointed Georg Butzbach, eight.
(02-17-86)
▶**SCHIEDAM**—Jan Lefeber retained his Benelux middleweight title by stopping Claudio Bossio at 2:00 of the first round. Bossio was floored three times.
Veteran light middle Franky DeCaestecker knocked out Rudiger Bitterling in two.
Rexford Kotram outscored Marnix Heytens, six, middleweights.
Kid Taylor outpointed Salvatore Pisani, six, light middles.
(02-24-86)



European light heavyweight champion Alex Blanchard had to struggle to earn a draw with Tarmo Uusivirta in a non-title 10-rounder in Amsterdam.

▶**AMSTERDAM**—European light heavyweight champion Alex Blanchard and Tarmo Uusivirta drew, 10, non-title. Blanchard outboxed Uusivirta in the early rounds, but was in dire straits and almost out on his feet at the finish.
Peter Van Raamsdonk outscored Serge Bolivard, light heavies.
John Emmen knocked out Hans Gilborn in round one, welters.
Jan Lefeber knocked out James Cook in the second, middles.
Gerrie Krause outpointed Antonio Alcantara, four, middles.
Kid Taylor outpointed Rafael Salamone, six, welterweights.
Gilbert Halle stopped Franz Hohl in round two, welters.
(03-26-86)

SPAIN

▶**MADRID**—Jose Manuel Guervos won by a disqualification over Tomas Gomez in four, junior lights.
(02-08-86)
▶**BARCELONA**—Rising lightweight Carlos Sole stopped Jose M. Lopez, who retired in round four.
Dominican Jose (Kid) Bello outscored Juan Munoz Holgado, eight, middles.
Ramon Gallego stopped Modesto Vilardell in two.
(02-11-86)
▶**MADRID**—Lightweight veteran Francisco Santaengracia returned after almost seven years to outpoint German Nunez, six.
(02-15-86)
▶**BARCELONA**—Featherweight Manuel Masso knocked out Juan Montero in the fifth round.
Ramon Gallego outpointed Rafael Fuentes, six, welterweights.
(02-18-86)
▶**MADRID**—Emilio Sole flattened Yugoslavia's Milislan Bodjanovic in the first round. Sole, a light middleweight, is now 22-1-1.
Spanish light welterweight champion Rafael Sanchez Munoz outscored Jose M. Martin Garzon, eight.
(02-25-86)
▶**MADRID**—Gonzalo Mencho stopped Fernando Gonzalez in four, middles.
(03-01-86)
▶**MADRID**—Ramon Gallego stopped Antonio Garcia in two, middles, for his seventh win.
(03-07-86)
▶**MADRID**—Policarpo Diaz "Poli" made his pro debut by outpointing Miguel A. Rodriguez, four. The now 18-year-old Poli was Spanish amateur champion in 1985.
(03-15-86)
▶**SANTA CRUZ**—Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista knocked out Frank Vega in the first round.
Melvin Epps chilled Toyi Castro in the first round, heavies.
Angel (Tamaran) Suarez knocked out Arthur Wright in the eighth session, middles. Suarez is now 15-1-1.
(03-15-86)
▶**MADRID**—Emilio Molero outscored Abdel Azowague, six, light welters.
(03-22-86)
▶**BURGOS**—Jose A. Hernando retained his Spanish lightweight title by outpointing former champ Carlos Miguel Rodriguez, 10.
Vicente Hernando outpointed Tomas Gomez, eight, junior lightweights.
(03-22-86)
▶**MADRID**—Poli Diaz halted Jimmy Cruz in four.
(04-05-86)
▶**MADRID**—Emilio Molero outpointed Jose M. Martin Garzon, eight, light welters.
Victor Fernandez outscored Gonzalo Mencho, four, middles.
(04-12-86)

SWITZERLAND

▶**ASCONA**—Paulo Taglione halted Gilles Lefebre on a cut in round three, welters.
(03-22-86)
▶**GENEVA**—Enrico Scacchia moved up to middleweight and knocked out Roberto Ruiz in five.
Moussa Moukandjo outpointed Andoni Amana, eight, middles.
Michel Giroud outscored Alfonso Redondo, eight, welterweights.
Mauro Martelli halted Spanish welterweight Rafael Fuentes, who retired in round four.
(04-10-86)
▶**ASCONA**—Paulo Taglione outscored Bruno Bouchard, six.
Argentina's Carlos Prieto won by a disqualification over Angel Hernandez in round six, light middles.
(04-25-86)
▶**BERNE**—Mauro Martelli made it 16 wins by outpointing Abdel Souihi, eight.
(04-26-86)
▶**GENEVA**—Kichenin outscored Spain's Isidoro Cabeza, six, light welters.

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Abdel Moumene outpointed Juan Saavedra, six, light heavies. (05-08-86)

TURKEY

▶**ISTAMBUL**—Ancient welterweight Kadir Yuceler outscored Joe Messa, eight.
(04-04-86)

Thanks for compiling these results must go to Ray Van Laeken, Leo Vollnhofer, Mauro Betti, and Angel Gonzalez.

ERIC ARMIT

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Tony Laing, 140, Nottingham, won the vacant British light-welterweight title by narrowly outpointing former holder Clinton McKenzie, 139¾, referee John Coyle scoring it 117½-117 after twelve.

Many thought McKenzie deserved the verdict, and Clinton afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Laing is the brother of former welter champion Kirkland Laing. Clinton is the brother of current British flyweight champion Duke McKenzie.

Six months ago, Laing outpointed McKenzie, but it was a different story this time. Clinton fought his heart out and the verdict obviously hit him hard. He had two cuts by the left eye, and Laing earned censures for the misuse of the head.

A good fight, with fortunes fluctuating, and it is a great pity that Clinton has decided to retire. A third fight with Laing would have been a natural.

Horace Notice, 206, British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, outpointed American Mike Jameson, 231½, winning every round on referee Sid Nathan's card of 100-95 after ten. Notice had a swelling by the eye, and Jameson bled from the nose. Not a lot to enthuse over, and the fans frequently booed.

European featherweight champion Jim McDonnell stopped Colombian Ruben Palacios, referee Sid Nathan intervening at the end of round seven in a scheduled ten, when Palacios was cut by the right eye. McDonnell was cut by the left eye, and Palacios received several warnings for misuse of the head. McDonnell was well on top when the end came. Both were inside 128.

Gary Stretch, 155¾, St. Helens, stopped Terry Magee, 155¾, Belfast, referee Jack Snipe calling a halt at the end of round seven in a scheduled eight with Magee under severe pressure.

Southern Area welter champion Mark Mills, 151, Croydon, beat R.W. Smith, 148¾, St. Ives, who retired at the end of round three with a shoulder injury. Sub Mills put up a fine show, and it was anybody's fight when the end came. Smith afterwards announced his retirement from the ring because of his recurring shoulder injuries.

Michael Watson, 164¼, outpointed Carlton Warren over six, referee Snipe scoring it a narrow 59-58½.
(05-07-86)

▶**LONDON—Merton Civic Hall, Wimbledon**—Sammy Reeson, Battersea, British cruiserweight champion, made it 20 in a row by outpointing Roy Skeldon, Tipton, over eight, referee Roy Francis scoring it 80-76, indicating Reeson had won every round. No weights were announced.

Bobby Wells, 215, Kingston, outpointed Bob Young, Croydon, 215, referee Francis scoring it 79-77½ after eight twos.

Andrew Furlong, 134¼, Fulham, outpointed Willie Wilson, 138, Nottingham, referee Ritchie Davies casting it 79½-77 after eight twos.

Karl Barwise, 163¼, outpointed Neil Munn, 164, Cardiff, scoreline a narrow 59-58½ after six.

J.J. Smith, 164, Tunbridge Wells, outpointed Andrew Wright, 163¾, Tooting, referee Davies scoring it 59½-58½.

Nigel Senior, 133, coming in as a sub, outpointed Ricky Andrews, also 133, Crystal Palace, referee Davies' card showing 59-58 after six twos.
(04-15-86)

▶**BRADFORD—St. Georges Hall**—Pat Cowdell, 129, former undefeated British and European featherweight champion, won the British junior lightweight title by beating the holder, John Doherty, Bradford, 128, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 1:24 of round six in a scheduled twelve with Doherty under severe pressure, and behind on points.

Carl Crook, 135, Chorley, kayoed Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, in round six of a scheduled eight twos with a left hook in 1:04 of the round. It was the first time Lovelock had been knocked out.

Nigel (brother of Carl) Crook, 127, narrowly outpointed Stuart Carmichael, 128, scoreline 59-58½ after six.

Another narrow winner was George Bailey, 123, Bradford, who outpointed Carl Gaynor, 127, Manchester, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 59-58½.

Kenny Walsh, 137, Bradford, outpointed Eamonn Payne, 141, Kings Lynn, referee Vann casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(04-17-86)

▶**LONDON—Royalty Theatre**—Commonwealth middleweight champion Tony Sibson, 160½, outpointed Puerto Rican Luis Rivera, also 160½, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 99½-96½ after ten. Rivera put up a fine show. Sibson was cut by the left eye and was down briefly from a right hand in round six, but was good value for his win, outpunching his man in the later stages.

Errol Christie, 161½, Coventry, didn't lose a round in outpointing Nigerian Hunter Clay, 157, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 100-96 after ten.

Former British and European light middleweight champion Jimmy Cable, 160½, survived two knockdowns to gain a draw with Cliff Gilpin, 159½. Cable was cut by the left eye and on the nose. Sid Nathan, referee.

George Jones, 135, Telford, outpointed Tony Connolly, 131, referee Nick White casting it 59½-58 after six twos.
(04-16-86)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Dean Barclay, 148, beat Gary Flear, 147, Birmingham, referee Jim Pridding intervening at 1:40 of the opening round in a scheduled eight twos after Flear was cut by the right eye.

Paul Smith, 159, Sheffield, drew with Simon Collins, 160, Merthyr, over six twos. Jim Pridding, referee.

Andrew Pybus, 126, Birmingham, beat Peter Bowen, 127, Wednesbury, the bout being stopped at 1:33 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Bowen had been down in the previous round.

Malcolm Melvin, 154, Birmingham, outpointed Malcolm Davies, also 154, Shrewsbury, referee Geoff Clarke casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Dale Bryan, 158, Birmingham, outpointed Will Halliday, 142, Leicester, referee Clarke scoring it 59½-57½ after six twos.
(04-21-86)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Joe Kelly, 115¼, battled it out with former British flyweight champion Kelvin Smart, 115, Caerphilly, referee Billy Rafferty calling it a draw after eight. Smart was down in round five from a right cross. The fans gave the contestants a standing ovation and threw in nobbins afterwards.

Steve Jones, 129½, Merthyr, narrowly outpointed Paul Downie, 132, Glasgow, referee Rafferty casting it 79½-78½, after eight twos.

James McBride, 120, Glasgow, easily outpointed Gypsy Johnny, 117, Rhyl, referee Len Mullen scoring it 59½-58 after six. Johnny was down in round three.

Adrian Staples, 123½, outpointed Young Gaskey, 122, Glasgow, referee Mullen's card showing 59½-58½ after six twos. Gaskey was floored in round five.
(04-21-86)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—Ken Foreman, 141½, outpointed Andrew Mayers, 138½, referee John Coyle scoring it 79½-77 after eight.

Peter Till, Bloxwich, 136, kayoed Tyrell Wilson, 138, in round five of a scheduled eight twos with a right hand. Time: 1:25 of the round. John Coyle, referee.

Clayton Stewart, 150, Paddington, kayoed Danny Garrison, 151½, Wolverhampton, in 0:54 of round three in a scheduled six twos with a right to the head. Terry O'Connor, referee.

Steve Foster, 159, Manchester, stopped Martin Kielty, 156, Birmingham, referee O'Connor intervening at 1:58 of round three in a scheduled six after Kielty had been down.

Gary Somerville, 147, Birmingham, kept his unbeaten record by drawing with Mickey Lerwill, also 147, Telford, six.

Tommy Taylor, 180, Hednesford, and Chris Harbourne, 190, Birmingham, both survived eye injuries to go the full six twos, Taylor winning on points, with referee O'Connor scoring it 59½-57.

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Alan Baptiste, 162½, Luton, outpointed Tony Britton, 161, Lewisham, over eight twos, referee Sid Nathan scoring it a narrow 78½-78. Britton afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Tim Hand, 159½, Luton, outpointed Steve Ward, 161, Nottingham, referee, Jack Snipe casting it a narrow 59-58½ over six twos.

Trevor Grant, 152, Lewisham, outpointed Paul Burton, 155½, Sheffield, referee Nathan casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Gary Maxwell, 130½, Nottingham, outpointed Mark Champney, 128, Bournemouth, referee Snipe's card showing 60-57 after six twos, indicating Maxwell won every round.
(04-17-86)

▶**CARDIFF—Star Leisure Centre**—Andy Williams, 133, Garndiffaith, won the vacant Welsh lightweight title by outpointing Mark Pearce, 133½, referee Adrian Morgan scoring it 99-97 after ten in a crowd pleasing encounter.

Floyd Havard, 130, Swansea, kayoed Tony McLaggon, 131½, Barry, in round two of a scheduled eight. Wynford Jones, referee.

Les Davies, 192, Cymmer, stopped Terry Gilbey, 186, Hull, referee Morgan intervening in round five of a scheduled six with Gilbey under pressure.

Stephen (Dai) Davies, 159½, Trefor, outpointed Gary Smith, 157, Brighton, referee Jones scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.
(04-28-86)

▶**BELFAST—Ulster Hall**—Peter Harris, Wales, beat Roy Webb, Larne, who was retired by his corner in round eight after he had been floored. Webb sustained torn ligaments and a chipped bone in the right shoulder in round six.

This was to have been an official final eliminator for the British bantamweight title, but Harris came in at 120, two pounds over the limit. Harris scaled 118.

The bout thus went on as an overweight affair. Harris was floored in round four, but, two rounds later, Webb sustained his injury and was himself decked eight seconds before the end of round eight.

This was Webb's first defeat, but he gained some consolation in meeting the winner of the forthcoming British title fight between champion Ray Gilbody and Billy Hardy.

Dave McAuley, 110½, Larne, won his final eliminator for the British flyweight title by stopping Charlie Brown, 111½, Glasgow, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:30 of round one after Brown had been down.

Sam Storey, 163, outpointed Karl Barwise, 163½, Tooting, by 59-58 over six.

Rocky McGran, 162¼, Belfast, outpointed J.J. Smith, 163, Tunbridge Wells, by 60-57, not losing any of the six rounds. Smith was down in round four.

Sean Casey, 118, Derry, outpointed Seamus Tuohey, 118¼, also by 60-57 over six.
(04-22-86)

▶**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Blaine Logsden, 177, Warrington, kayoed Jimmy Ellis, 174, in 1:38 of round three with a left hook. Ellis had also been down in the opening round. Brian Hogg, referee.

Derek Wormold, 152, Rochdale, opened his pro career with a fine win over Dave Binstead, 151, Liverpool, referee Hogg intervening at 1:09 of round two with Binstead under pressure.

John Conlan, 146, Liverpool, easily outpointed Tony Kempson, 148, Blackpool, referee Hogg scoring it 59½-58, after six.

Malcolm Kay, 164, Liverpool, stopped Peter Brown, also 164, Bradford, referee Hogg intervening at 0:59 of the sixth and final round with Brown under pressure.

▶**CARLISLE—Sands Centre**—Franki Morro, Liverpool, 155½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Seamus Casey, 161¼, referee Arnold Bryson casting it 80-76½ after eight twos.

Claude Rosse, 152½, Derby, kayoed Manny Romain, 151½, Edinburgh, with a right to the head. The bell ended round two with Romain on the canvas, and referee Bryson completed the count.

Brian Wareing, 143½, Southport, didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Harwood, 144½, Batley, referee Bryson (from outside the ring) scoring it 60-58½. Triallist referee Gerald Watson officiated inside.

Debutant Peter Canterdale, 141, Hartlepool, outpointed Willy Watson, 137¼, referee Bryson casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Sean Daly, 196½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Gary Fairclough, 211, Adlington, referee Bryson scoring it 40-38, also from outside the ring, over four. Triallist referee Watson was in charge inside.

Mike McKenzie, 154, Perth, outpointed Joe McNamee, 151½, referee Bryson calling it 59½-58.
(04-22-86)

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Gary Mason, 235½, Wandsworth, made it ten in a row, all inside schedule, beating Frenchman Maurice Domis, 218, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 1:17 of round three in a scheduled eight after Gomis had been down twice.

Lennie Howard, 179¾, Chelmsford, kayoed T.P. Jenkins, 173¼, at 2:33 of round four in a scheduled eight with a right hand.

Lennie Gloster, 144, Peterborough, outpointed Jimmy Harrison, 142½, Wandsworth, over eight twos, referee Dave Parris scoring it 79-78. It was Harrison's first defeat.

Stuart Carmichael, 126, Hull, narrowly outpointed Shane Porter, also 126, Kettering, referee Larry O'Connell casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

Brian Nickels, 136½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Les Remekie, 137, Croydon, referee Parris scoring it 60-58 after six twos.

Paul Seddon, 140, Bedworth, outpointed Andy Sinclair, 142½, Maidenhead, referee Parris calling it a narrow 59-58½. It was Sinclair's first defeat.
(04-24-86)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Gary Champion, 143, St. Ives, outpointed Jeff Decker, 147, Whitley Bay, referee Ron Hackett casting it a narrow 59-58½ over six.

Debutant Ian Jackson, 170, was another narrow winner, referee Brian Hogg awarding him a 59-58½ points verdict over Mark Walker, 175, Leigh, in their six twos.

Frank Harrington, 144, Lancaster, made a successful debut, stopping Mick Betts, 143¼, referee Hogg intervening in round three of a scheduled six twos when Betts was cut by the left eye.
(04-21-86)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Judas Clottey, Ghana, 151, outpointed Ian Chantler, 152, St. Helens, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79-78 over eight.

Noel Magee, 173, conformed a previous victory by stopping Barry Ahmed, 178, South Shields, referee Thomas intervening at 0:33 of round seven in a scheduled eight when Ahmed had been floored.

Nigel Haddock, 128, Llanelli, outpointed Nigel Senior, 129, Nottingham, referee John Keane casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Mick Kane, 142, Alfreton, narrowly outscored Paul Worthington, 145, Crewe, referee Keane's card showing 59-58½ after six.

Steve Ward, 161, Nottingham, outpointed debutant Nick Vardy, 166, Alfreton, referee Keane scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos. Ward sustained an eye injury.
(04-23-86)

▶**BASILDON—Festival Hall**—Abdul Kareem, 138, Tottenham, outpointed Steve Griffith, 136, Finchley, referee Roy Francis casting it 79-78 after eight twos.

Al Malcolm, 224, Birmingham, drew with Jess Harding, 210, over eight twos. Roy Francis, referee. Harding was cut on the forehead, and was down twice in the first.

Les Davies, 170, Woodley, outpointed Winston Burnett, also 170, Wales, referee Francis calling it 79-78 after eight twos.

Andy Cox, 142, Woodham Ferrers, kayoed Kenny Watson, 140, Croydon, in 1:15 of round two in a scheduled six twos. Watson was also down in round one.

Trevor Smith, 146, Harlow, beat Tommy Kelleher, 143, Holloway, who retired at the end of round four in a scheduled six twos with an injured left hand.
(04-23-86)

▶**DONCASTER—Ardwick Leisure Center**—A Sunday afternoon show, unusual in Britain. Gary Williams, 143, Doncaster, stopped Steve Tempro, 142, Leicester, the referee intervening at 1:39 of round three after Tempro had been down.

Mick Cordon, 210, Doncaster, outpointed Steve Garber, 217, Bradford, scoreline 59½-58½ after six.

Dena Bramhald, 131, Doncaster, easily outpointed Andy Pybus, 130, Birmingham, by 59½-57½ over six.

Ronnie Stephenson, 122, Doncaster, didn't lose a round in outpointing Phil Lashley, 124, Birmingham, who was having his first fight. Scoreline: 40-38½ over four. Lashley was down briefly in the final round.

Dean Murray, 156, Birmingham, kayoed Glenn Davis, also 156, South Elmshall with a right to the head in round four after flooring him twice.
(04-27-86)

▶**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—John McAllister, 152, Port Glasgow, drew with Central Area light middleweight champion Sammy Sampson, 154, Preston, over eight. McAllister

was down briefly in round seven. Len Mullen, referee.

Robert Harkin, 140, outpointed Junaidu Musha, 144½, Liverpool, referee Len Mullen scoring it 78½-77½ after eight twos.

Tommy Campbell, 152, Blantyre, outpointed Ray Golding, 146, Alfreton, over eight twos.

Dave Haggerty, 144¾, Paisley, comfortably outpointed George Schofield, 138, Liverpool, over six threes. Schofield had been inactive for two years.
(04-26-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—New Century Hall**—Central Area junior lightweight champion Najib Daho, 132¾, easily outpointed French African Sammy Meck, 130, referee Harry Warner scoring it 99½-96½ after ten.

Anthony Brown, 125¾, Liverpool, won the Central Area featherweight title by stopping champion Mike Whalley, Manchester, 125¾, referee Warner intervening in round three with Whalley under pressure. He had been down twice.

Pat Clinton, 116, outpointed Des Gargano, 119, referee Ron Hackett indicating that he had won all six rounds with a scoreline of 60-57.

Debutant David Ingham, 119½, won every one of his six rounds against Gerry McBride, Manchester, 120, referee Hackett scoring 60-57.

Billy Ahearne, 156, didn't lose a round in outpointing Cliff Donville, 153, referee Hackett casting it 80-77 after eight.
(04-29-86)

▶**LONDON—Picketts Lock Leisure Centre**—Supports to Andries vs. Williamson WBC Title Fight: American Greg Page, 240, beat Funso Banjo, West Ham, 245½, who was disqualified for "persistent holding" in round eight (1:52).

George Collins, 148, kept his unbeaten record, outpointing Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 80-76 over eight, indicating that Collins had won every round. It was only the fourth time in 14 bouts that Collins has been taken the full distance.

Andy Straughn, 190, Hitchin, outpointed Steve Gee, 206, Birmingham, referee Dave Parris scoring it 79½-77 after eight.

Harry Cowap, 172, Balham, drew with Nigerian Hunter Clay, 167, over eight. Dave Parris, referee.

Danny Cooper, 137, kayoed Andy Broome, 138, in 1:11 of the sixth and final round with a left hook. Dave Parris, referee.

Tommy Roberts, 146, Camberley, stopped John Davis, 146½, Chingford, referee Parris intervening at 1:40 of round five in a scheduled six twos.
(04-30-86)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Adrian Elliott, 227, West Ham, looked good after a year out of the ring, knocking out Mick Chmilowskyj, 204, Edmonton, in 0:55 of the opening round with a left to the body. Ritchie Davies, referee.

Johnny Graham, 164¼, Paddington, made it six in succession by outpointing Seamus Casey, 163, Alfreton, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 80-76 over eight, indicating Graham had won every round.

Trevor Grant, 151½, Lewisham, stopped Geoff Calder, Kidderminster, referee Dakin intervening at 1:22 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Calder had been down.

Deano Wallace, 156, Wolverhampton, kept his unbeaten certificate by narrowly outpointing Simon Collins, 167, Merthyr, referee Davies casting it 59-58½ over six twos.
(04-29-86)

▶**LONDON—Royal Lancaster Hotel**—Chris Blake, 145, Croydon, outpointed Simon Eubanks, 144½, Brighton, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 78½-77½ after eight.

Randy Henderson, 162¼, Peckham, outpointed Seamus Casey, 160, Alfreton, referee Dave Parris casting it 79-78 after eight twos.

Simon Paul, 150, Hackney, kayoed debutant Russell Burnett, 150½, Brighton, in 1:25 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos with a left to the chin. Roland Dakin, referee.

Paul Seddon, 139½, Bedworth, drew with Wayne Cooper, 141, Alfreton, over six twos. Dave Parris, referee.
(05-08-86)

▶**NEWCASTLE—Mayfair Ballroom**—Paul Lister, Newcastle, 203½, beat Yugoslav Novak Radanovic, 195¼, who retired at the end of round five, stating he was too ill to continue. Novak had a lot of problems on his way from Zagreb; he was airsick and obviously unhappy. While he was in the ring, his activities were mainly confined to wrestling, and the whole "fight" was a big disappointment. Fred Potter, referee.

Marvin P. Gray, 138½, Stanley, didn't lose a round in outpointing sub Doug Munro, 138, Glasgow, referee Potter scoring it 80-77½ after eight twos. Triallist referee Gerald Watson officiated inside the ring.

Debutant Vince Wilson, 126½, Gateshead, drew with Carl Gaynor, 129, Manchester, over six twos. Arnold Bryson, referee.

Debutant Tony Hallett, 212, Newcastle, also gained a draw, his opponent being Sean Daly, 196, Preston, over six twos. Arnold Bryson, referee.
(05-08-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Blaine Logsden, 177¾, Warrington, stopped John Williams, 178, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 1:30 of round three in a scheduled eight after substitute Williams had been down.

Frank Harrington, 144, Lancaster, kayoed Steve Harwood, also 144, Batley, 0:52 of round four in a scheduled six. Ron Hackett, referee.

Brent Gargano, 131, Manchester, stopped Barry North, 129, Sheffield, referee Hackett intervening at 1:02 of round four in a scheduled six after North had been floored.
(05-12-86)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 139¾, won his British light welterweight eliminator by outpointing Mike Harris, 139½, Swansea, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 99½-96½ after ten. McKenzie thus gained revenge for a previous defeat.

Jimmy Price, 178½, Liverpool, stopped Roy Smith, Nottingham, 187, referee O'Connell intervening at 2:52 of round five in a scheduled eight after Smith had been down twice.

Brian Holmes, 120¾, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Midlands Area bantam champion Rocky Lawlor, 121, referee John Keane casting it 79-77½ after eight. Lawlor was floored in the final round.

Andrew Mayers, 141, Aston, stopped Billy Buchanan, also 141, Edinburgh, referee Keane intervening in round four of a scheduled eight after Buchanan had been down.

Malcolm Melvin, 156, Birmingham, narrowly outpointed Julian Monville, 158, Hackney, referee Keane scoring it 59-58½ after six.
(05-07-86)

▶**WEMBLEY—Arena**—Duke McKenzie, Croydon, added the European flyweight title to his British crown by beating the holder, Charlie Magri, whose manager, Terry Lawless, threw in the towel at 2:05 of round five as Magri got up from being floored for nine. It was the only knockdown of the fight. Weights were not announced.

Former BCI champion Magri, nearly 30 years old, went on the attack from the first bell, but the 22-year-old McKenzie kept cool under pressure, and was able to block many of his opponent's leads.

Magri's aggression continued in round two, with McKenzie content to counter when the opportunity arose. There was a clash of heads, and Charlie spoke to referee Sid Nathan before continuing his attack.

Having absorbed Magri's initial onslaught, McKenzie came out for round three to drive his man back and dish out some punishment on his own account. Magri took a few hard rights to the head, and was cut under the right eye.

In round four Magri did his best to get on top, but, after a good opening minute, McKenzie again took over. Charlie already looked weary.

Round five—and Magri again opened fast, scoring with a couple of good body hooks, only for McKenzie to retaliate with a right hand that was the beginning of the end for Charlie. Two more rights, and Magri sank to his knees.

He rose at nine, but Lawless threw in the towel, which is permissable under European rules, but not in British rules. Referee Nathan accepted the retirement.

Magri has still not confirmed that he will be retiring from the ring.

British light middleweight champion Chris Pyatt, 155, Leicester, stopped American Thomas Smith, 154, referee Roland Dakin intervening at 1:42 of the opening round in a scheduled ten after Smith had been down. He had not landed a punch.

European welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan, 146, won his final eliminator for the WBC crown by stopping American Horace Shufford, American referee Marty Denkin calling a halt at 1:35 of round eight in a scheduled 12 when a Honeyghan attack sent his opponent halfway through the ropes. Honeyghan dominated throughout.

Eamon McAuley, 133, Belfast, made a fine debut by outpointing Dean Bramhald, 136½, referee Tony Walker calling it 60-57½ after six, indicating McAuley hadn't lost a round.

James Cook, 163¼, narrowly outpointed Michael Watson, 163, referee Walker scoring it 78½-78 after eight. It was Watson's first defeat.

Tony Wilson, 174½, stopped Dennis Bailey, also 174½, referee Walker intervening at 2:42 of round six in a scheduled eight when Bailey had a damaged nose. Wilson was cut near the left eye in round one, but it quickly yielded to treatment.
(05-20-86)

▶**PLYMOUTH—The Academy**—In the first promotion in this city in five years Dennis Sullivan, Plymouth, 149, started his comeback with a win over Mickey Bird, also 149, Chesterfield, referee Denzil Lewis, who officiated in every bout, calling a halt at 0:25 of round three in a scheduled eight twos after Bird had been floored by a right hand.

Western Area light welterweight champion Frankie Lake, Bournemouth, 142, beat Reg Locker, Bournemouth, 144, the stoppage coming at 1:10 of round three with Locker under pressure.

Seamus Casey, 160, Alfreton, beat Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 156, the intervention coming at 1:38 of round two in a scheduled six twos after Lynch's left eye had been injured.

Debutant Mike Russell, 128, Plymouth, didn't lose a round outpointing Joe Dee, 130, Alfreton, by 60-58 after six.

Jess Rumden, 132¾, Plymouth, beat Barry Bacon, 135, Alfreton, the stoppage coming after Bacon had been down from a left hook.
(05-19-86)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Sporting Club**—Newton Barnett, 152, Camberwell, outpointed Lee Woolis, 156, Alfreton, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 78½-78 after eight. Referee Thomas officiated in every bout.

Steve Ward, 161, Nottingham, beat Winston Wilson, 162, Wandsworth, who was disqualified at 0:59 of round three for hitting Ward when he was on the canvas. Ward had been down earlier in the round from a left to the body.

Nigel Senior, 130, Nottingham, drew with Nigel Haddock, 128, LLanelli, six. When they met before, Haddock won on points.

Floyd Davidson, 166, Burton-on-Trent, outpointed Nick Vardy, also 166, Alfreton, by 59-58 after six twos.
(05-19-86)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Kenny Walsh, 140, Bradford, outpointed Willie McDonald, 142, Glasgow, not losing a round on Brian Hogg's card of 60-58 over six. McDonald was down in round three.

Debutant Kevin Spratt, 137, stopped Wayne Goult, 139, Norwich, at 0:48 of round five in a scheduled six twos, referee Hogg intervening after Goult had been down thrice.

Oliver Henry, 153, Kings Lynn, outpointed Dave Heaver, 158, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 60-58 after six. Hesver was down briefly in round four.

Eamonn Payne, 142, Norwich, beat Frank Harrington, 144, Lancaster, who was floored at the end of round three, hitting his head on the canvas. Referee Vann immediately called for the Board of Control doctor, and did not take up the count.
(05-19-86)

RON OLVER

ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶**JAKARTA**—OPBF middleweight champ Bok-ChulKim of Korea lost his title to Indonesia's Suwano by decision, twelve.

Kim won the title by stopping Polly Pasireron, another Indonesian, here on January 24. Kim went to Jakarta again to keep an option of the contract, but lost the crown.
(05-06-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

JAPAN

▶**KUMAMOTO—City Gymnasium**—Tadashi Maruo, the Japanese Commission's top ranked junior middleweight contender at 145¾, scored a one-punch kayo over Akinori Yoshida, a local favorite at 147¾, at 1:47 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Maruo is now 10-8 with eight knockouts. Yoshida fell to 5-6 with two kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, former national featherweight titlist Tatsunari Hisahiro, 132¼, was awarded a TKO win over rugged Koki Higashi, also 132¼, at 2:03 of the fifth round. Higashi was leading on points, but an accidental butt opened a bad gash over his eyebrow.
(05-17-86)

▶**SENDAI—Miyagi Prefectural Gymnasium**—Mexican import Efren Pinto, the WBC's sixth ranked light flyweight at 108¾, was surprisingly knocked cold by a beautiful left hook from Seiji Tomari, 108½, in 2:36 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Pinto had been scheduled to meet WBC champ Jung-Koo Chang in a bid for the title in Korea in August, this was to have been a tune-up. Pinto fell to 21-9 with 11 kayoes. Tomari, the JBC's third ranked contender, raised his credentials to 13-2 with seven kayoes. Seiji was ranked eighth in the next WBC ratings.

Francisco (Sendai) Montiel, Mexico, the WBC's fifth ranked light flyweight, 110¼, had a very tough time with Kenji Matsumura, 111, winning a controversial decision in 10.

Matsumura, a former amateur champ, scored well with right crosses and had Montiel's left eye badly puffed. Despite Francisco's rallies in the late rounds, Matsumura looked like a points winner. The unanimous decision (ref Shimakawa, 99-97; Harada, 99-97; Nakamori, 97-96) was questionable — probably influenced by promoter Chiba's plans to get Montiel a shot at the WBC crown in Korea.

Montiel, 23, is now 20-4 with 14 knockouts. Matsumura, 26, fell to 3-2 with one kayo.

In the main event, Japanese lightweight champ Cheyenne Yamamoto, 135, overcame a crisis and stopped Junichi Misawa, 134¾, at 2:58 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Takeshi Shimakawa refereed.

Cheyenne, 26, is now 21-7-6 with 14 kayoes. Misawa is 11-7 with seven knockouts.

Promoter—Takashi Chiba.

Higashi Nippon TV.
(05-20-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese flyweight champ Koji Nishikawa, 111¾, utilized his puzzling lefty style, dropped Yoshiyuki Uchida, 112, and won a onesided decision (double 99-93 and 99-95).

This was Nishikawa's first defense since he took the Japanese crown (relinquished by Shuichi Hozumi) by demolishing Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi last January. The short Nishikawa continually mixed it up to avert Uchida's big punches. Koji's southpaw right uppercut to the chin floored the challenger in the fifth. Uchida, the WBC's 18th ranked contender, fell to 19-2 with 17 kayoes. His poor defense was the reason for his defeat. Koji, piloted by Hitoshi Misako, is now 19-2-1 with 17 knockouts.

Misako Promotions and Fuji TV started its sensational tourney with Japanese rankers competing in six-rounders to decide the final winner in six classes.

Norikazu Kawana, 107, unanimously decisioned Isao Kadota, 108, six.

Hiroyuki Miyata, 108, outscored Kinya Nakamura, 108, six. Miyata, a former Novice King (four-round) tourney winner, is now 9-1-1 with four kayoes.

Keiichi Ozaki, 118, decisioned Masakatsu Sakuma, 119¼, six.

Leopard Tamakuma, a southpaw, 111¾, kayoed previously unbeaten Masayuki Takahashi, 112, in 2:11 of the third round in a scheduled six. Tamakuma is now 13-3 with four kayoes. Takahashi dropped to 11-1 with four knockouts.

Keiji Tomonaga, 126, floored Michio Kawakami, 125¼, in the first round and took a unanimous nod, six.

Naoto Takahashi, this year's Best *Shinjin-o* (Novice King tourney) winner at 117, survived a third round knockdown and fought back to win a unanimous decision, six.

Kenji Iizumi, the JBC's top junior featherweight contender at 126, needed just 2:56 of the first round to demolish Takashi Komori, also 126, in a scheduled six. Iizumi, 9-1 with 8 kayoes, looks very promising, Komori fell to 8-5-1 with five kayoes.
(05-22-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese featherweight champ Mitsuru Sugiya, 126, sent Fusao Imai, also 126, to the deck thrice for an automatic kayo at 2:38 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

This was Sugiya's first defense since he dethroned Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo last February. Sugiya, now 19-1 with 13 kayoes, was ranked ninth in the junior featherweight class newly, though he had not fought in the division. Sugiya will face ex-champ Eijiro Kuruma for the title in August. Imai, the only man to have beaten the current OPBF lightweight champ Tsuyoshi Hamada, is now 12-9-2 with seven kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Eiji Okita, the JBC's top ranked junior lightweight at 132¼, was came off the canvas drop Shinji Kobayashi, 133¼, twice in the second round and stop him at 2:38 of the third session. Okita upped his log to 14-1-1 with seven knockouts. Kobayashi fell to 5-3-1 with four kayoes.

Hiroaki Kanaya, 114¾, and Moriaki Arazaki, 115, dropped each other in the second round, and continued exchanging hot rallies, with the former awarded a unanimous decision (double 79-78 and 79-77), eight. Kanaya is now 7-1. Arazaki is to 8-4 with three kayoes. The loser seemed to lack his usual zip.

World Sports Promotions.

TV—TBS.

Attendance—2,730.

(05-26-86)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Lefty prospect Hideaki Kamishiro, 117, ran his unbeaten credentials to 5-0 with four kayoes as he demolished Thai Sakdisamuth Singsamang, 114, in 1:14 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Dropping the Thai with a southpaw right uppercut to the chin, Kamishiro swarmed over him with a barrage of punches and sank him for the count. Ryoji Kashiwagi refereed.

Teruaki Miyasato, 114¾, finished Masakatsu Aikata, 114¾, in 1:05 of the third session in a scheduled eight.

Promoter—Green Tsuda Gym.

TV—Asahi Hoso.

Attendance—800.

(06-02-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fujio Ozaki, 147, scored a beautiful kayo over Nobuyuki Tabata, the six-foot defending champ at 146½, and regained the Japanese welterweight title at 3:04 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Tabata had upset Ozaki via a split but popular decision last February.

Tabata took the first round by outjabbing the ex-champ. But Ozaki fought back with effective body shots and knocked him out with a wicked right to the button in the fatal round. Ozaki, coached by ex-world junior lightweight champ Hiroshi Kobayashi, is now 19-4 with 11 knockouts. Tabata fell to 17-5-1 with 15 kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Eiji Kikusaki, the JBC's top ranked junior welterweight at 146, was befuddled by the opening attacks of Ryo Asuka, 147, but caught the latter with a flurry of punches ropes at 3:07 of the sixth round.

Kikusaki, still unbeaten at 13-0-1 with 11 kayoes, must be one of the poorest defensive fighters among the undefeated Japanese prospects. Asuka is now to 8-10-1 with five kayoes.

Teiken Promotions.

Nippon TV.

(06-05-86)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Lefty prospect Yukinari Oshiro, 103¾, outboxed and outpunched Missile (Masato) Kudo, 104¼, copping a onesided duke (100-91 and double 100-92), 10. Ryoji Kashiwagi refereed.

Oshiro, piloted by ex-OPBF junior feather champ Akio Maki, is now 12-2 with seven knockouts. Kudo is 9-6-1 with three kayoes.

Yoshitatsu Nakasato, the JBC's seventh ranked junior lightweight at 132¾, kayoed Tadafumi Miura, 130, in 0:44 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

Unbeaten hope Katsumi Komiyama, this year's Novice King tourney winner at 107, stopped Hideo Yamasako, 108, at 0:53 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Hironobu Ogiso, another 1986 *Shinjin-o* winner, 146¼, ran his unbeaten log to 6-0 with five kayoes as he disposed of Hideo Kanenami, 147, at 1:57 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Akio Kawamata, 116½, TKO'd Toshiaki Okutani, 116¾, at 1:27 of the fifth round in another scheduled six.

Ozeki Maki Promotions.

No telecast.

(06-08-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakeun Hall**—Japanese middleweight champ Mugen Kawasaka, 157, is a legitimate welterweight who happened to win the 160-pound class title. He was an underdog against Mitsuo Hatano, 160, but flattened the bigger challenger to retain his title in 2:38 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Hatano, missed a lot of punches and exhausted himself rapidly. Mugen downed him thrice. Kawasaka, 25, is now 16-7 with 12 kayoes. Hatano, 23, fell to 5-3 with five kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Tiger Michigami, the JBC's second ranked junior lightweight at 130, knocked out Kaneto Kimura, also 130, in 2:59 of the sixth round.

Tiger is now 12-5 with 10 knockouts. Kimura, a year his junior at 24, is 7-4 with two kayoes.

Yonekura and Kamifukuoka Promotions.

TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,050.

(06-1-86)

▶**NOTES**—Kenichi Kobayshi, 22, died of brain injury on May 10, the day after he was kayoed in Nagoya in his pro debut. He had passed the JBC examination on April 15. The Japanese Boxing Association (Club Owner's Union) gathered to discuss the accident and decided that simon pures who had passed the JBC's exam must train for a certain period before their debuts. Our boxing fraternity had adopted the CAT scanning test for all professional boxers, but could not avert this tragedy.

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KOREA

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) featherweight champion Jae-Yong Hwang, 125¼, stalked ex-Japanese titlist Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 126, all the way and retained his title via a onesided decision, 12.

Scoring: referee Kunuan Sanriampu (Thailand), 119-115; Takeaki Kanaya (Japan), 119-116; Chul-Hee Han (Korea), 118-113 — all for the stocky Hwang. The lanky Arredondo clinched too often.

Hwang is now 15-1-1 with two kayoes. Arredondo, elder brother of WBC super lightweight boss Rene, is 18-7-2 with 13 kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Kyung-Jae Chang, 107½, stopped Chang-Ho Chung, 107½, to retain his Korean junior flyweight title at 0:57 of the third round. Chang is now 10-2 with two kayoes.

Kwang-Soo Kim, 154, halted Suk-Sun Kim, 152½, at 2:04 of the sixth session in a supporting eight.

Saeki Promotions.

(05-03-86)

▶**KIMBAE—Dongkwang Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, the WBA's seventh ranked junior welterweight at 141½, took on Australian champ Pat Leglise, 141¾, dropping him twice, and for the count, in 1:36 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Leglise won the gold medal in the King's Cup amateur tourney before turning pro. Lee dropped Pat with a countering right in the third, but the Australian made good use of his feet and survived till the eighth, when the Korean speedster landed a right to the face and a wicked left to the midsection, flooring Pat for the full count.

Lee improved his fine record to 41-1 with 34 kayoes. Leglise fell to 21-3-3 with 12 knockouts.

Chong-Rae Yim, 122¼, outscored Jung-Ho Lee, 123½, eight.

Wonjin Promotions.

(05-10-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—5'8" Chun Huh, the WBC's 22nd ranked light flyweight at 109¾, threw plenty of stinging lefts and then exploded a well timed right to flatten Thai Narongthavat Nabumrung, 109¾, in 1:14 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Unlike most Korean bangers, who are short and stocky, Chun is a prospect with good height and reach — a Korean Mario Miranda. Chun is now 15-1 with 10 kayoes. Narongthavat fell to 19-3 with 16 knockouts.

Keun-Chun Yuh, 136, was knocked out by Soo-Min Cho, 136¾, in 1:18 of the first round in a supporting eight.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(05-17-86)

▶**SUNCHUN—Sunchun High School Gymnasium**—Having been stopped by Filipino Rudy Casicas in his previous bout, Seung-Hoon Lee, the WBC's second ranked super bantamweight at 123, disposed of Filipino champ Majie Bona, 122½, at 2:06 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Lee outjabbed and outlegged Majie from the third round on. The Korean technician caught Bona with sharp combos and downed him to the ropes in the fifth round. The sixth canto saw Lee kayo Bona with a barrage of punches.

Seung-Hoon, who had failed in world title bids against Rafael Orono, Lupe Pintor, and Victor Callejas, is now 36-6 with 19 kayoes. Bona who tasted his first defeat, is 15-1-1 with five knockouts.

Korean bantamweight champ Kap-Sug Song, 118, lost his crown to Yung-Duk Park, 117½, on points in the semi-final 10. The newly crowned Park is 14-1-3 with eight kayoes. Song is 16-3-3 with three knockouts.

Hown-Yung Park, 123¾, and Chun-Hyun Kim, 124, drew, eight.

World Promotions.

(05-24-86)

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PHILIPPINES

▶**NEW CORILLA DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Rodrigo (Boy) Loperez, the top bantamweight contender of the GAB (Games and Amusements Board, the commission of the Philippines, 118, showed his ringcraft in copping a unanimous decision over Rolando Caballero, 119, 10.

Erning Querobin, 145, lost to Fernando Gloria, 148, via the kayo rounte in their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Domino Suico.

(04-05-86)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Kid Kanashiro, the GAB's sixth ranked flyweight at 112, unanimously decisioned Jun Labrador, 113, 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(04-06-86)

▶**QUEZON CITY—Trinity College**—Elmer Leonardo, the Filipino number three lightweight contender at 134¾, scored a seventh round TKO over Edizon Saladas, 134, in a scheduled 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Jun Llano, 119, stopped Rudy Palicua, 118, at 1:48 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10.

Jun Tighanon, 107½, TKO'd Nilo Endic, 110, at 1:10 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Ferdinando Tagado, 115, halted Ronnie Canelas, 122, in the second session of their scheduled six.

Promoter—Gregorio Bote, Jr.

(04-07-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Elmer Pendog, 140, the Filipino top junior welterweight contender, won a unanimous nod over Bert Lozano, 138½, 10.

Promoter—Paquito Camacho.

(04-12-86)

▶**SURALLAH, SOUTH COTABATO**—Elmer Cubillas, the GAB's third ranked batam at 122, stopped Nestor Pagaron, 119, in a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(04-13-86)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Rolando Bohol, 112½, chalked up a TKO win over Ric Sanchago, 112½, at 2:37 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Ex-OPBF champ William Develos, 119½, earned a unanimous nod over Bobby Pinos, 120, 10.

Joe Hiyas, 121, fought to a technical draw with Little Bangoyan, 122½, at 0:41 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10.

Jun Altarejos, 109½, won from Jun Curatcha, 109½, eight.

Pinoy Igor, 110½, and Danny Duran, 109½, battled to a technical draw at 0:49 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Carlos Castig Ador, 120, unanimously decisioned Lorenzo Pormanes, also 120, eight.

Alex Dadios, 125½, outscored Ador Aaigbagan, 122, six.

Boy Granciosa, 122, won from Mar Lioren, 122½, six.

(04-16-86)

▶**KIAMBA, SOUTH COTABATO**—Rolando Protacio, 110, scored a TKO over Flash Antonio, 112, in a scheduled 10.

Robinson Cabusao, 115, won from Tim Balantay, 116½, 10.

Nilo Alamag, 131½, stopped Jun Castillano, 132, in their scheduled 10.

Chito Adigue, 129, halted Jun Escobal, also 129, in another scheduled 10.

Rudy Castillon, 122, lost to Ben Capagnan, 121, 10.

Galorde Enterprises.

(04-19-86)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDNON**—Young Abaloyan, 126, was awarded a technical decision over Ronnie Ablan, also 126, in a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Neptali Bokingo.

(04-19-86)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Dodoy Andujar, 110½, the Filipino flyweight champion, kept his crown by stopping Titing Dignos, 110¼ in a scheduled 12.

Romy Navarrete, 112½, took a unanimous decision over Edwin Projo, 112½, 10.

Loremer Pontino, 116½, TKO'd Celso Boy Areglo, 117, in a scheduled 10.

Little Campo, 129, eked out a split duke over Freddie Panerio, 130, 10.

Jojo Cayson, 130, TKO'd Allan Baring, also 130, in their scheduled 10.

Joe Guevarra, 121, lost a unanimous decision to Edgar Apatan, 123, 10.

Kid Kanashiro, 115, halted Robert Balazuela, 111½, in another scheduled 10.

Promoter—Benjamin Aguirre.

(04-20-86)

▶**MARBEL—SOUTH COTABATO**—Ruben dela Cruz, 116, the Filipino junior bantamweight champ TKO'd Danny Ortega, 118, in a scheduled 10.

Nelson Apurra, 112, lost a technical decision to Mario Parcon, 112, in their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.

(04-26-86)

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THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Korean challenger Ki-Chang Kim won the OPBF junior bantamweight title. He battered the bread basket of defending champ Petchngam Chuvatana and sank him for the count in the ninth round of a scheduled 12.

This was Petchngam's first defense. He won the vacant crown on points in an eliminator with Filipino champ Ruben dela Cruz. Kim outboxed the Thai and had him bleeding from the nose as early as the second round.

Kim is now 11-4-4 with six kayoes. Petchngam fell to 21-7-1 with 13 kayoes.

(05-01-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Hard punching Rocky Chitalada, the Thai Commission's fourth ranked bantamweight, extended his winning streak to 12-0 (all knockouts) by finishing Susuk Sissiangwood in the third round of a scheduled six.

(05-03-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Busy campaigner Chor Hhaphalang, a featherweight prospect, outscored Konnapa Singtorchor, six.

(05-06-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Rakchai Kiatsontaya, the TBC's ninth ranked junior feather, decisioned Saksing Singkrunton, six.

(05-08-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Downmai Sithkodom, the TBC's second ranked junior bantam, finished Nuasira Korkiatanang in two rounds of a scheduled six.

(05-10-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Sombunyod Singsamang, the top Thai bantamweight contender, stopped Chartchai Lamchaopraya in the second session of a scheduled six.

(05-11-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Thanomsak Singboebae, the Thai flyweight champ, disposed of Nakarach Kiatsonthaya in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

(05-12-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Petchainat Donjadee, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender, showed his ring experience and outscored Pangsak Sor Kiatpontorn, six.

(05-17-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the TBC's third ranked junior bantam, won a unanimous decision over Kiatchai Kiatsontaya, six.

(05-21-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Surasith Meeprasert, the TBC's top junior ban-

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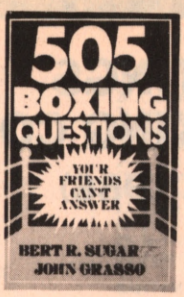

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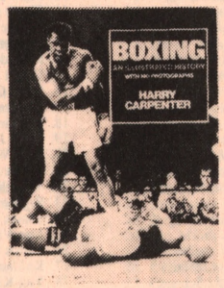

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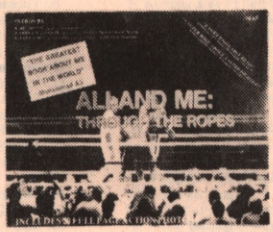

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tamweight contender, easily stopped Ekayut Kiatporntorn in the third round of a scheduled six.
(05-24-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Former Thai flyweight kingpin Nongberd Naphataya repeated his triumph over Yeunyong Sithprasong, formerly rated by the WBA, six. Yuenyong, a puncher, had been decisioned in their previous encounter, and demanded this rematch. Nongberd's more accurate blows carried him to victory again.
(05-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Daurang (Technique) Utaradit outscored Thavat Kiatpongchida, the TBC's fifth ranked mini-flyweight, six.
(05-29-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

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AUSTRALIA

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▶**WESTON—Royal Football Club**—Two eight-rounders headlined.

Dean Thomas, 135½, outpointed comebacking Rocky Warren, 132¼. Thomas was too persistent for Rocky, though there was not very much difference on two cards—78-76 by each.

In the other eight, Nooky Curyer, 161, outpointed Miguel Pimentel, 154¼. Curyer announced his retirement after this—something he had done several times before. He likes to throw gloves too much, and gets an overwhelming desire to get back into the ring.

Over six, Steve Henry, 163¼, outpointed John Hunt, 153¼.

Royal Football Club promoted.

Trevor Whitton matchmaker.
(05-28-86)

RAY MITCHELL

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Glenn Hillier, 146, had too much for Willie Tarika, who was way over his normal weight. Tarika weighed in at 154¼.

Hillier won clearly on points. Billy Males refereed.

Charlie Lewis, 138½, outpointed Disco George, 138½, eight.

In a six, Robert Newton, 152¾, outpointed Al Hallett, 149¼, split decision.

In another six, Tony Porrata, 170¾, outpointed Kid Solly, 171¼. Split decision.

Four rounds: Mario Crisafulli, 129¾, outpointed Peter Lewis, 130½, unanimous. Shane Tawhi outpointed Gordon Bowman, split.

Promoted by Frank Axisa and partner.
(05-21-86)

▶**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Craig Pevy, 130, held his NSW State junior lightweight title with a points decision over Roger Henry, 130, in a good fight. Joe Keegan refereed. Judges scored 97-94, 100-95, 99-94.

Over eight rounds, Brett Pevy, 161, turned in an upset by halting Darwin North, 152¼, in round one. Pevy decked North with left hook. Soon after, Keegan stopped the contest as North was gone. Time: 1:32.

In a six-rounder, Simon Maidment, 132¼, stopped Jimmy Henry, 142¼, in round two. Henry suffered a cut eye and indicated he did not wish to continue.

Four rounds: Stewart Weekes, 142¼, outpointed Shane Tawhi, 142¼. Ken Jenkins, 136¾, KO 4 Young Henry, 137¾.

Promoted by Rodger Pevy and Roger McVey.
(05-27-86)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Australian lightweight champion Dale Artango had an easy one in American Danny Vargas. Referee Alan Moore stopped the contest at 2:37 of round six after applying a standing count earlier in the round. Both boxers scaled 137.

Former amateur Mick Patch, 139, scored a good points win over Johnny Fooks, 138, in an eight-rounder. Good bout, split decision from judges Cyril Cairns, Steve Scott and John Cox. Denzil Creed, referee.

Over six rounds, Cyclone George, 136, outpointed Stewart Hartley, 138. Very good fight, as George's bouts always are. Unanimous decision. In other sixes, Greg Pocock, 182, KO 4 Paul Kahia, 175, and Shane Fooks, 114, KO 5 Col Milton, 111.

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10. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
11. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
12. Ayub Kalule (Denmark)
13. Roberto Duran (Panama)
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28. Charles Carter (U.S.)
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18. Saad Skouma (France)
19. Miguel Angel Arroyo (Argentina)
20. Bryan Muller (Guyana)
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22. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
23. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
24. Gae-Hyung Yuh (Korea)
25. Hugo Marinangeli (Argentina)
26. Roman George (U.S.)
27. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
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17. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
18. Manning Galloway (U.S.)
19. Brian Janssen (Australia)
20. Troy Wortham (U.S.)
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27. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
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29. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
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2. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
3. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
4. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
5. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
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7. Lonnie Smith (U.S.)
8. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
9. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
10. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
11. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
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13. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
14. Gene Hatcher (U.S.)
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3. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
4. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
5. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
6. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
7. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
8. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
9. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
10. Frankie Randall (U.S.)
11. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
12. Pernell Whitaker (U.S.)
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18. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
19. Greg Haugen (U.S.)
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28. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
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2. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
3. Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)
4. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
5. Dwight Pratchett (U.S.)
6. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
7. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
8. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
9. Lester Ellis (Australia)
10. Daniel Londas (France)
11. Mauel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
12. John Sichula (Zambia)
13. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
14. Refugio Rojas (Mexico)
15. Raphe Sims (U.S.)
16. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
17. Faustino Barrios (Argentina)
18. Kamel Bou Ali (Tunisia)
19. Mark Fernandez (U.S.)
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21. Vinnie Costello (U.S.)
22. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
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26. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
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28. Angel Mayor (Venezuela)
29. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
30. Alvaro Bohorquez (Colombia)

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Champion
Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)—
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (Mexico)
2. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
3. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
4. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
5. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
6. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
7. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
8. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
9. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
10. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
11. Valerio Nati (Italy)
12. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
13. Harold Petty (U.S.)
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16. Johnny Carter (U.S.)
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22. James Pipps (U.S.)
23. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
24. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)
25. Jose Meneses (Panama)
26. Prayurasak Muangsurin (Thailand)
27. Ruben Decima (Argentina)
28. Ruben Dario Palacios (Colombia)
29. Jesse Benavides (U.S.)
30. Rudy Casicas (Philippines)

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Champion
Miguel Lora (Colombia)
1. Albert Davila (U.S.)
2. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
3. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
4. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
5. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
6. Ki-Youl Kang (Korea)
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8. Azael Moran (Panama)
9. Antoine Montero (France)
10. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
11. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
12. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
13. Wilfredo Vasquez (U.S.)
14. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
15. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
16. Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
17. Ciro de Leva (Italy)
18. Rocky Chitalada (Thailand)
19. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
20. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)
21. James Manning (U.S.)
22. Sam David (U.S.)
23. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
24. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
25. Ernie Cataluna (Philippines)
26. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
27. Changuito Carmona (Mexico)
28. Matsuo Imazato (Japan)
29. Ali Camacho (Venezuela)
30. Miguel Maturana (Colombia)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
1. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
2. Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
3. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
4. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
5. Kongtoranee Payakaroon (Thailand)
6. Ruben Condori (Argentina)
7. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
8. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
9. Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)
10. Juan Polo Perez (Colombia)
11. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
12. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
13. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
14. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
15. Eudo Bermudez (Colombia)
16. Tadashi Maruo (Japan)
17. Mike Moreno (U.S.)
18. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
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28. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
29. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
30. Rodolfo Ortega (Mexico)

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3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
5. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
6. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
7. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
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2. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
3. Joey Olivo (U.S.)
4. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
5. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
6. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
7. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
8. Seiji Tomari (Japan)
9. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
10. Eduardo Tunon (Panama)
11. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
12. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
13. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
14. German Torres (Mexico)
15. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
16. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
17. Kong-Son Oh (Korea)
18. Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan)
19. Jin-Choi Moon (Korea)
20. Ray Thompson (Panama)
21. Chun Huh (Korea)
22. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
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24. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
25. Little Baguio (Philippines)
26. Mahasamuk Sisnarupon (Thailand)
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28. Kyun-Jae Chae (Korea)
29. Nick Dalisay (Philippines)
30. Agapito Gomez Alvarado (Spain)

Four rounds: Neil Garland, 123, outpointed Roy Saunders, 128.
Crowd—about 1250.
Promoted by Reg Layton and Wally Taylor.
(06-06-86)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

▶**ADELAIDE—Apollo Stadium**—Australia's exciting former IBF junior lightweight champion, Lester Ellis, 131¾, won a clear unanimous decision over Colombian Ildabeth Rojas, 131, ten.

Referee Bryan Membrey scored Ellis the winner 100-90; judge Murray Bampton had it 98-91, while judge Tony Parisi carded 100-92. Clear cut. Quite a fight.

In a heavyweight 10-rounder, Kevin Barry halted comebacking Danny Carey in round three. Carey was decked in round three. He regained his feet during the count, but was dazed. In came the towel, and referee Colin Betty stopped the fight. Judges were Mick Fox and Tony Parisi. It was Carey's first bout since October, 1983.

Another comebacker, Des Pearce, met Rodney Bowman in an eight-rounder. Pearce had his last contest in April, 1984 and is well past it. Bowman is a fast mover who has little power. Referee Mick Fox stopped the contest in round six as Pearce was outclassed. Pearce began his pro career in 1972 after being amateur champion of South Australia.

Four rounds: Frank Cadarca KO 3 (cut eye stoppage) Austin Taylor; Frank Lanciano KO 2 Vic Gurney; Mike Harry WP Eric Rigney.

Superstar Promotions under Cos Sita.
(05-30-86)

VICTORIA

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Australia's IBF junior lightweight champion, Barry Michael, 130, had an easy title defense against American Mark Fernandez, 129¾. Michael chased his challenger around the ring, dominated the action and dispatched him in round four.

Michael decked Fernandez in the fourth and when the challenger rose, he took nine punches to body and head without retaliating, whereupon referee Billy Males of Australia stopped the bout—rescuing Fernandez. Time into round: 2:27.

The judges were: Benjamin La Ford (USA), Emmanuel Flores (Philippines), and Don Marks (Australia). Promoted by Tiger Promotions. Crowd about 4,000 (holds 6,500).

In the main support, former Commonwealth lightweight champion Graeme Brooke, 134¾ (cousin of former world champion Lionel Rose) had a comfortable points win over Filipino Carlos Parcia, 136¼, ten. Unanimous decision from referee Malcolm Bulner and judges Johnny Wheeler and Bryan Membrey.

In another ten, former multiple champion Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, 154¼, halted Graeme Looker, 149, at the end of round five due to a bad cut near Looker's left eye. Austin was leading on points at the end. Referee: Johnny Wheeler, Judges: Bulner and Membrey.

Dan McMurray, 146¼, outpointed Rob Jacobs, 143¼, four. Referee: Wheeler; judges: Cliff Heaver and Bryan Membrey.
(05-23-86)

▶**PRESTON—Town Hall**—Paul James, 159¾, number two contender for the Australian middleweight title, outpointed Peter Bryan, 159¾, over ten rounds for the vacant Victoria State middleweight title. Clear win, but Bryan kept James busy.

Malcolm Bulner refereed, Gus Mercurio and Cliff Heaver judged.

Paul Delosa, 140, outpointed Nick Hatzil, 140, over ten for the Victoria State junior welter title. Hatzil held it when he entered the ring; Delosa had it when they left. A very hard and exciting fight that drew a shower of money from fans. Referee Mercurio saw it even. Judges Bulner and Heaver scored for Delosa.

In another ten Robbie Nava, 146¾, stopped Dave Ramsden, 146¾, in round ten, a good performance. Ramsden was decked, rose at nine but referee Bulner said "out" as Dave was gone. Terrific fight that drew a very large shower of money. Judges were Heaver and Mercurio.

Three rounds: Marty Fogas, 176¼, drew with Phil Biondi, 186¼. Biondi's pro debut after four amateur bouts. Referee: Chris Anderson. Judges: Cary Young and Cliff Heaver. Shower of money.

Promoters: Brizzi Bros.
(05-30-86)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Perry Lakes Basketball Stadium**—Tony Jones, WA State junior welter champion and number three contender for the Australian title, came in light at 135½ to tangle with American Manny Hernandez, 140, over ten rounds, but it made no difference to his stamina. He was far too good for the visitor. A cut eye suffered by Hernandez brought the stoppage two minutes into round seven, but Jones held a commanding lead. At the end of round six, judges Laurie Flanders, Phil Rowley and Bill Driffell had it 60-53, 60-54, and 58-55—all for Jones. Bill Ivory, referee.

Lorne Lehmann, 135½, halted comebacking Paul Hanson, 139¼, in round four of a six. Lehman was ahead, 29-28, on all cards at the end of round three.

In another six, Peter Tanner, 140, outpointed Paul Rush, 135, in a solid battle.

In yet another six, Colin Capelli, 124½, turned on a war with Dean Colbung, 124½. Capelli won clearly on points.

Four rounds: Barry Clark, 156½, narrowly outpointed Rocky Macri, 166½.

Newcomer Ken Dixon, 180¾, convincingly outpointed experienced Ken Morris, 183.

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Mark Wills KO9 Greg Page
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Mike Tyson KO1 William Hosea
James Broad KO2 Wes Smith
Willie de Wit W12 Ken Lakusta
(Won Canadian Title)
Jose Ribalta KO1 Rick Kellar
James Tillis KO8 Mark Young
Edward Hatrick KO2 Charles Jameson
Terry Anderson KO1 Allen Jameson
Bobby Crabtree KO1 Franklin Otts
Dennis Bulter KO1 Mark Jones
Angelo Musone KO2 Tim Anderson

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Bert Cooper W12 Henry Tillman
(Won NABF Title)
Elijah Tillery KO8 Wes Smith
Billy Marks KO3 Jimmy Ruoff

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Everett Martin KO1 Leo Quintas
Arthel Lawhorn KO5 Jim MacDonald
Vince Hopper KO2 Toby Tyler
Victor Ramos KO3 Chris LaPresto
Dale Cook KO3 Ed O'Ryan
Bobby Jennings KO4 Asim Razzaq
Danny Lindstrum W8 Willie Featherstone
Booker T. Word KO2 Ronnie Edwards
Jeff Thompson KO3 Theodis Liggion
Robert Folley KO8 Charles Henderson
Jimmy Price KO4 Hughie Johnson
Tony Meszaros draw8 Willie Wright
Marvin Mack KO9 Luis Rivera

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Chong-Pal Park NC2 Lindell Holmes
(Retained IBF Super Middle Title)
Robbie Sims W10 Roberto Duran
Iran Barkley KO3 Tony Harrison
(Retained Cont. Americas Title)
Richard Burton KO1 Kevin Moley
Michael Nunn W10 Randy Smith
Mao de la Rosa W10 Jeff Nelson
Daryl Spain KO3 Harry Daniels
Frank Tate KO7 Brian Muller
Matt Farrago W10 Mark Frazier
Steve Darnell KO5 Daryl Fromm
James Williams W8 Ken Billinghurst
Stephon Frots W8 Mike Moore
Charles Campbell W8 Ron Essett

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Thomas Hearns KO8 Mark Medal
(Retained World Title)
Matthew Hilton W10 Cheto Ramos
Wilfred Benitez W10 Paul Whitaker
Buster Drayton KO5 Benito Fernandez
Tony Montgomery W8 Mike Peoples
John David Jackson KO1 Mike Castranova
Roland Baker KO2 Lee Roy Rivera
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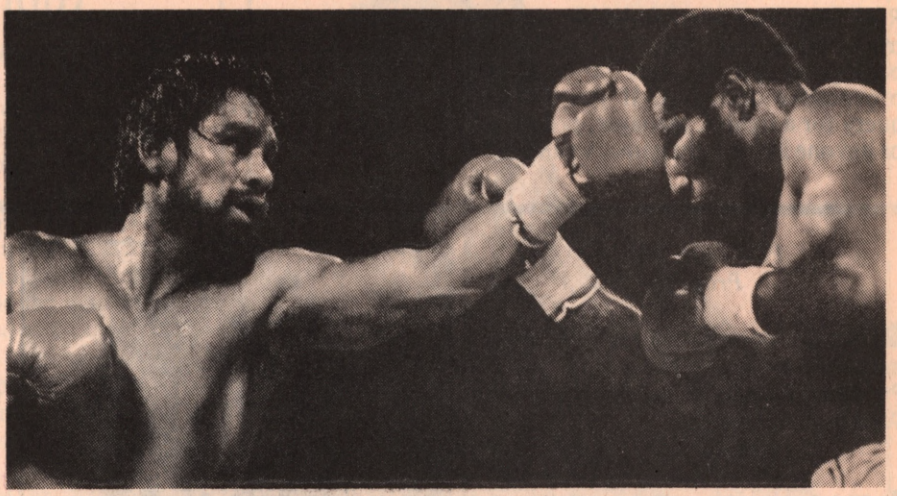

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Roberto Duran (left) showed flashes of his former brilliance against Robbie Sims, but just couldn't muster the energy for a strong finish. Sims copped the split nod with a big 10th round rally to retain his high ranking among the middleweights.

WELTERWEIGHTS
Mark Breland KO6 John Munduga
Vincent Pettway KO8 Leland Hart
Darryl Anthony KO2 Eddie Evans
Tyrone Trice KO1 Curtis Summitt
Sabiyala Diavila KO12 Floyd Peavy
Rene Jacquot Wdisq3 Nino LaRocca
Harold Volbrecht TD5 Arthur Mayisela
(Retained South African Title)
Dave Douglas W10 Gary Jacobs
(Regained Scottish Title)
Darrin Van Horn KO5 Don Gwinn
Johnny Johnson KO1 Ron Johnson
Adolfo Rojas KO2 Jose Rivera
Hugh Kearney W8 Marvin McDowell

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Buddy McGirt KO8 Rudy Fuentes
Harold Brazier KO10 Ozzie O'Neal
Jesse Lopez W10 Derrick McGuire
D.J. Turner KO7 Greg Keys
Courtney Hooper KO4 Terry Butler
Brett Taylor draw12 Jeffrey Mankune
(Retained South African Title)
Alesandro Scappecchi W12 Francesco Prezioso
(Regained Italian Title)
Gary Muir KO7 Frankie Lake

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Hector Camacho W12 Edwin Rosario
(Retained WBC Title)
Frankie Randall draw12 Fred Pendleton
(Vacant USBA Title)
Felix Gonzalez KO8 Dwayne Prim
Martin Quiroz W10 Ernie Landeros
Julio Pastor Ruiz KO9 Mario Moreno

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Julio Cesar Chavez KO7 Refugio Rojas
(Retained WBC Title)
Brian Mitchell W12 Bushy Mosoeu
(Retained South African Title)
Mario Miranda W10 Jose Mosqueda
Raphe Sims W10 Vicente Velasco
Roger Osorio KO2 Gus Lopez
Wilmer Ruiz KO7 Higinio DeLeon
Jesse White KO1 Raul Martinez
J.L. Ivey W8 Keely Thompson

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Steve Cruz W15 Barry McGuigan
(Won WBA Title)
Azumah Nelson KO10 Danilo Cabrera
(Retained WBC Title)
Georgie Navarro W10 Aristides Acevedo
Hector Lopez W10 Francisco Segura

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Juan Veloz W10 Johnny Carter
Harold Petty W10 Ramon Cruz
Javier Ruiz KO2 Steve McKyer
James Pipps TD3 Pascual Aranda
Samart Payakaroon W8 Rafael Gandarilla

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Antonio Avelar KO8 Wilfredo Vasquez
Sugar Baby Rojas KO1 Juan Pagan
Mario Savala KO10 Mario Diaz
Darryl Thigpen KO4 Jimmy Navarro
David Gauvin KO6 Felipe Mojica
David Gauvin W8 Rick Diaz
Valerio Nati W8 Sonny Long

FLYWEIGHTS
Hilario Zapata W15 Dodie Penalosa
(Retained WBA Title)
Myung-Woo Yuh KO12 Tomohiro Kiyuna
(Retained WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Julio Gudino W12 Victor Sierra
Greg Foster KO1 Henry Garza

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FOR DON KING
Promoter

Q: Not too long ago you were on trial for income tax evasion, now I read you visited President Reagan at the White House. What's going on here?

M.C., NEW YORK, N.Y.

A: This is America. One part of the government is trying to send me to jail, the other part is inviting me to the White House.

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FOR VINNIE PAZIENZA
Lightweight contender

Q: Does it bother you when someone calls you a "white hope?"

I.L.M., PROVIDENCE, R.I.

A: No, let's face it. The game is dominated by black and hispanic fighters. People are dying to see a white fighter who is good.

FOR MICHAEL OLAJIDE
Canadian middleweight champion

Q: I'm glad to see you're showing the folks down there in the United States that all Canadian boxers aren't face-first catchers like Shawn O'Sullivan. But what's this I hear about you becoming a fashion model?

J.K., VICTORIA, B.C.

A: I signed a contract with an agency and did my first assignment for *Ebony* magazine. I hope for a lot more modeling work now that I'm in New York. This is a dream come true, fighting and modeling in New York.

FOR TYRELL BIGGS
1984 Olympic super heavyweight champion and undefeated pro prospect

Q: Are you looking forward to fighting Mike Tyson?

B.H., OAKLAND, CA.

A: Absolutely, but I worry about him losing before I get to him.

FOR JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ
WBC super featherweight champion

Q: Is it true that you want to move up to the lightweight class and challenge Hector (Macho) Camacho?

J.A., SAN DIEGO, CA

A: Yes, all I hear in Mexico, the United States and France is "Camacho, Camacho, Camacho," until it drives me crazy. I've been after Camacho a long time.

FOR MIKE TYSON
Undefeated heavyweight sensation

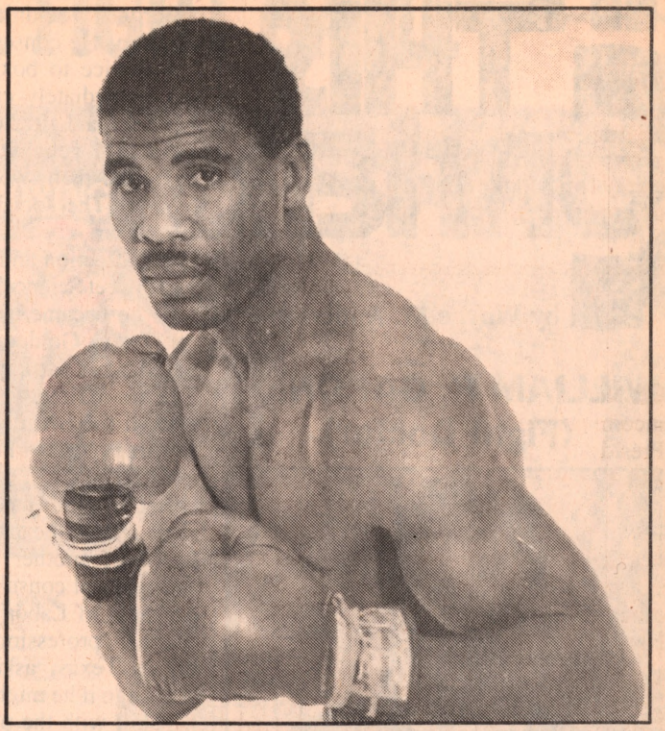
Q: How do you feel about all the hype surrounding your career?

P.T., HARTFORD, CT

A: I was very wary at first, but now I love it. In every era, the public has to find somebody to make a star of. I'm just glad that it's me.

TONY MONTGOMERY
JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

IN THE MOVIE *DR. DETROIT*, ACTOR DAN AKROYD PLAYS the role of a nerd college professor who is forced by circumstance to assume the identity of the title character, a sleazy pimp. The movie is a zany comedy, but there is nothing funny about Tony Montgomery, boxing's Dr. Detroit . . . "I'm not a crazy guy like the fellow in the movie, but it's a good nickname because its marketable," says Montgomery, who has proved he's no joke by streaking to 15 straight wins (nine knockouts) in the pro ranks . . . Like a growing number of today's fighters, Tony came to boxing through his interest in the martial arts. He earned a black belt in karate, but turned to boxing at the suggestion of Emanuel Stewart . . . "I was messing around at the Kronk Gym and he said I should get out of kick boxing and get into regular boxing. Although the martial arts teaches you discipline and how to drive yourself to the maximum, I was fighting real tough guys for no money." . . . The switch has proved beneficial to both his athletic career and his bank account. Managers Stan Hoffman and Bob Mittleman have kept Tony busy, and trainer Stewart Williams has helped mold him into a smooth boxing technician . . . Montgomery, 24, says his six-round decision over Angel Sindo was his toughest pro assignment to date . . . "I knocked him down, hit him with everything, but he kept coming." . . . Tony enjoys reading during his leisure time and hopes for a career in real estate when his boxings days are over. He feels that he will be ready to tackle the top junior welterweight contenders within a year to 18 months. In the meantime, a warning to Dr. Detroit's future opponents: he throws a better left hook than Dan Akroyd. □



ALFONSO BAILEY
JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

"STILL LEARNING" IS HOW ALFONSO BAILEY ASSESSES his 6-0-1 (three knockouts) pro boxing career. The 25 year old Indianapolis native is admittedly just beginning to learn his trade. He's only been boxing two years, and that includes his brief amateur career . . . He gained a spot in the 1984 national amateur championships by embellishing his amateur stats and managed to cop a bronze medal for his efforts . . . The "Fonz," as Bailey is known, turned down an invitation to last summer's National Sports Festival in order to turn pro under the guidance of manager Lenny Shaw and trainer Don Turner . . . Bailey is currently residing in Paterson, New Jersey and training at the Times Square Gym in New York City . . . In his pro debut, he stopped Charles Holifield in the fifth round in Akron, Ohio. So far, among his pro opponents, only Fred Johnson has presented any problems. Bailey took a close six-round decision from Johnson in their first bout, but was held to a draw in a recent return match . . . Bailey feels that in order to progress he needs to improve his concentration, remembering to integrate the "scientific" aspects of his attack with his natural punching power . . . Bailey credits much of his success to sparring with talented fighters such as the late James Shuler, former IBF junior middleweight champion Mark Medal, and welterweight contenders Maurice Blocker and Simon Brown. Currently, Alfonso trains with middleweight contender Doug DeWitt. And, although they are close friends, according to Bailey, their gym sessions are "real serious" and the best experience he's received . . . The youngest of nine siblings, Bailey is "thankful for the Lord's blessings" that have enabled him to enjoy a healthy and successful career . . . He warns the rest of the world's 154-pounders to "keep your eyes open for me." In the wake of Bailey's accelerated progress, perhaps they should do just that. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Wayne M. Anderson

WILLIAM R. GARDNER (Fight Doctor)

MOTIVES ARE A STRONG FORCE FOR action, and William R. Gardner is a ringside physician for a very specific motive: Duty.

"I feel an obligation to share my talent with the community — and not just for dollars," said Gardner, who is also a general practitioner in Fort Worth. "You live and are supported by a community; you have a debt to those people. You are more than just a vote in a democratic society."

But why pay back society by patching up men who clobber one another? The answer is 26 years old.

After graduating from Baylor University College of Medicine in 1959, Gardner was assigned to do his internship in Fort Worth at John Peter Smith Hospital. It was during the late summer hours in the emergency room when the police would rush the homicide victims in that he made the acquaintnace of Fort Worth Police Officer Oliver Ball. The year was 1960.

Gardner, 55, said Ball, who is now deceased, told him that he and another man in town, Don O'Haire, were helping to get young boys off the streets by taking them over to a boxing gym. Ball knew that a doctor should be present and asked if Gardner wouldn't mind filling the prescription. He consented.

A novice to boxing, Gardner said he was immediately captured by the sport. And, he said, it didn't take him long to see past a neophyte's view that boxing was more than two guys beating on one another. The social and physical values were clear.

His affection and commitment towards the "Sweet Science" grew, and in January 1961 he became a ringside physician for the Texas Golden Gloves Association. Gardner has participated in seven national Golden Gloves championships and worked the two pre-Olympic trial championships held in Fort Worth in 1976 and 1984.

Because his face was seen more and more around the amateur rings, Dr. James E. Marr, another Fort Worth physician and medical consultant for the Texas Department of Labor and Standards, which oversees professional boxing and wrestling in Texas, asked Gardner about six years ago if he might be interested in using his skill with the professionals.

Gardner stresses that the public's knowledge of a fight doctor's "mission to minimize body damage" is dim.

"The physician has to have razor-sharp eyes for the tricks of the trade," he said. He explained that these "tricks" take the form of using diuretics, stimulants, the giving of misleading information by trainers concerning their fighter's boxing history and an array of other ploys.

First and foremost, Gardner said, a fight doctor is concerned for the fighter's health: before, during and after the bout.

It is also the doctor's duty to make certain that only those substances and materials allowed in the corner are in the corner.

Before a match is underway, Gardner said he will walk around the inside of the ring making sure there are no weak spots in the floor, which might help cause a twisted ankle. He said he even goes as far as to ascertain the mop's whereabouts. A sweaty ring-floor has floored many a fighter.

One other task he performs before the principles meet, is to coordinate signals with the referee and police. Once the battle begins, it is only the referee who can signal the end. Therefore, Gardner said, he talks extensively to the third man in the ring letting him know under what conditions Gardner will ask that the bout be stopped.

Likewise, Gardner said, he consults with the attending police officer, who is carrying a hand radio. So if an ambulance is required, he, "can point to him and he knows to make the call without having to yell, 'Call an ambulance!' "

During a fight, under average temperature conditions, Gardner said a boxer burns up to 1,500 kilo-calories per hour. With this kind of physical expenditure, strength is sapped quickly. He said a physician's job at this stage is to look for signs of impending injuries, such as: fatigue, unstable glance and gait, muscle jerking, etc.

After the dust has settled and a winner's declared, Gardner said he likes to get with the fighter and trainer to go over possible neurological side effects caused by the fight.

Research in medicine—especially sports medicine—is moving at a sprinter's pace. So to keep abreast of the latest developments, Gardner takes brush-up classes at Harvard. He said for the past five years he has gone twice yearly to take courses. Gardner said he has logged more than 2,000 hours of post graduate work.

But not all of his continuing education is conducted in American schools. This year, to keep his boxing eye acumen, he will also sit in a class room seat at Oxford University in England, where he will hear lectures on post-concussion syndrome.

The responsibilities of a fight doctor are great, but the rewards are memorable, he said.

Gardner recalled the winter of 1985 when he journeyed to Birmingham, England, with welterweight champion Donald Curry. He went abroad with the Fort Worth champ when he fought Colin Jones.

After Curry knocked out Jones in the fourth round, an angry crowd showed their displeasure by throwing bottles and other projectiles at Curry. Gardner said he and another man hovered over Curry, acting as human shields against the bombardment. When the pandemonium was contained he thought of his wife, Mary Ann. He said she would be watching at home by television and would be wondering what casualties he sustained.

Gardner said he asked the American TV announcer if his still intact body could be shown on camera so his wife would know he was still in one piece. The announcer consented. But when Gardner got home, he found out she had taken the dog for a walk instead of watching the match.

He confesses there is little or no remuneration for being a fight doctor. He does it solely for the enjoyment and because he deeply believes in sharing his talents with his community. And besides, he said, once in a while, "I get a free Pepsi." □

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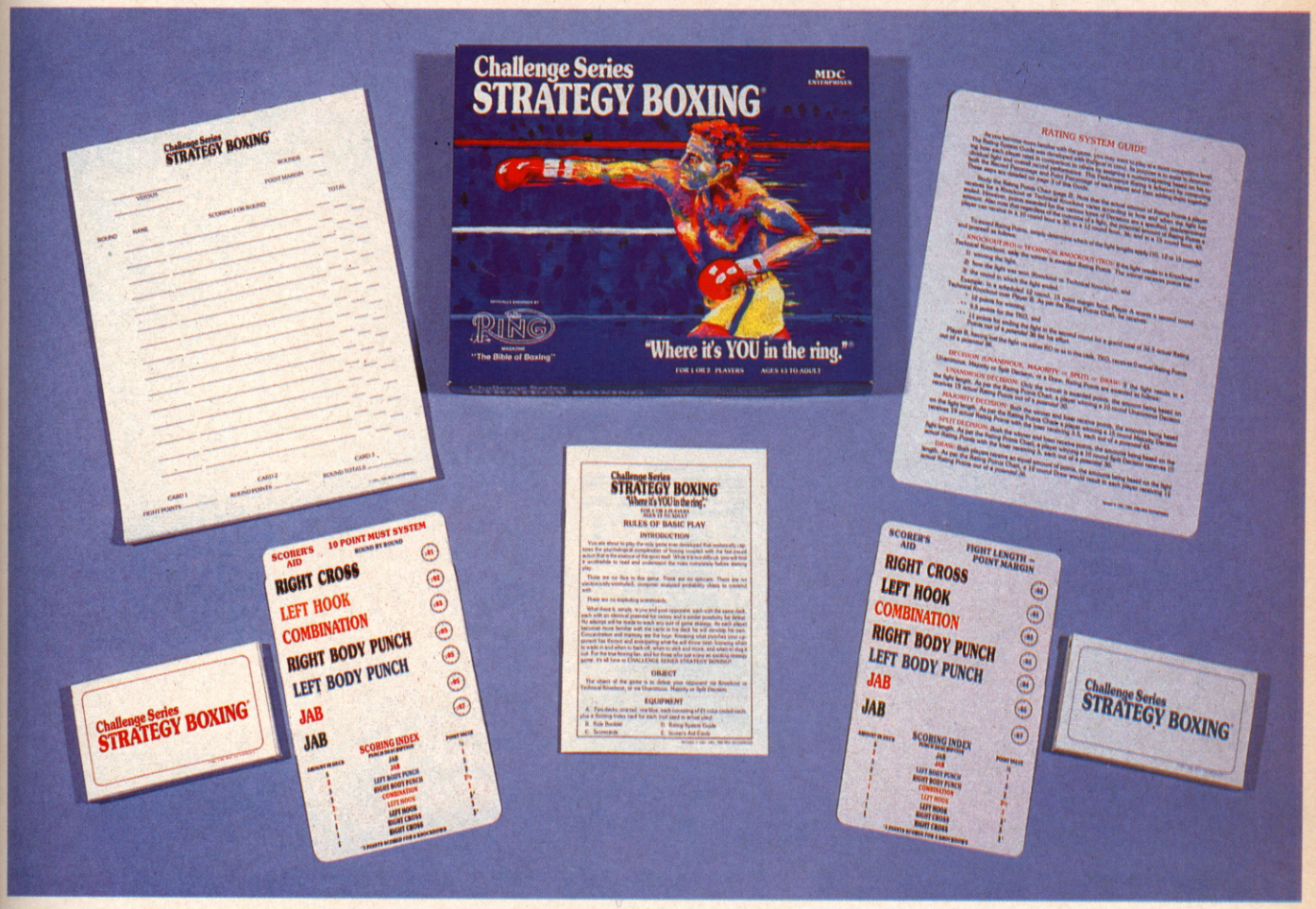

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